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Monday

How they brought the snow to Stockholm: When film director Michael Apted decided to recreate Moscow in Sweden for the screen version of the best-selling novel *Gorky Park*, he did not expect to face the problem of a lack of snow. One way out of the difficulty was to cover parts of Stockholm in Epsom Salts. On the *Spectator* page on Monday, Chris Moser reveals what happened.

UK exports at record £5.28 billion

Britain had a trade surplus of £376m in March with exports rising to a record £5.28 billion. The March surplus, which comes after deficits of £138m in February and £491m in January, was greeted by Lord Cockfield, the Trade Secretary, as confirmation of the Confederation of British Industry's optimistic forecasts. Page 11

Fanani hands in resignation

The Italian Government resigned last night and Signor Amintore Fanani, the Prime Minister, handed his resignation to President Pertini. Today, the President will begin talks with political parties but a general election looks likely in June. Earlier story, page 5

Kohl puzzled

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany described as "incomprehensible" the cancellation of a visit to Bonn by the East German leader, Hery Erich Honecker. Relations between the two countries have deteriorated recently. Page 5

Brixton 'errors'

Mr Geoffrey Dear, Assistant Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police, said that police officers committed "gross errors of judgement" in raids in Raiton Road, Brixton, in 1981. Page 2

Peer fined

Lord Monnaghet was fined a total of £1,000 by magistrates at Sipton, North Yorkshire, for firing a shotgun at a hot air balloon during a grouse shoot. Page 3

Parkinson role

Michael Parkinson has been appointed to the board of TV-am, subject to IBA approval, and been given an extra role suggesting programme ideas. Page 3

Contempt claim

A newspaper cartoon was criticised for alleged contempt after a captain in the Intelligence Corps was sentenced to be dismissed the service for being drunk in charge of a patrol. Page 3

Pension advice

An advisory service is to be launched for the 12 million people in private pension plans, linked to the Citizens' Advice Bureau. It should start operating in a couple of months. Family money, page 13

Race sponsors

On the eve of the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket the Stewards of the Jockey Club announced that they are to allow sponsorship of classic races. Page 17

Saturday

In Saturday today, and inside view of the British grand prix chess circuit and the build-up to the world championships. Also included in the arts and leisure section published each week with *The Times* are regular features on travel, gardening, eating out, drink, records and news of the coming week's events in the arts.

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Buenos Aires junta says 'disappeared' are all dead

From Andrew Thompson, Montevideo

Argentina's military government yesterday issued its "final document on the war against subversion and terrorism". It declared that the "disappeared" people should be considered legally dead, and signalled official protection for members of the security forces involved in "excesses" during the counter-insurgency campaign.

The announcements, on nationwide television and radio, were preceded and followed by protest from human rights groups and political parties. Most observers believe the attempt to close the issue of human rights violations in the 1970s will fail, and that the subject will inevitably end up in the hands of the new civilian Congress due to meet next year, after the elections planned for October 30.

The 7,000-word document yesterday said that between 1969 and 1979 the guerrilla organizations carried out 21,642 terrorist acts, and that at their height they had 25,000 members of which approximately 15,000 were combatants. The role of the security forces in the repression was declared "acts of service".

The Government admitted the security forces "committed errors which, as in all wars, may have gone beyond the limits set by fundamental human rights, but which remain subject to the judgment of God in each individual conscience and the understanding of men."

"It must be absolutely clear that those people on the list of the disappeared, and who are not in exile or in hiding, must be considered dead, for all legal and administrative purposes." The statement added that the Government was unable to define the time and cause of death.

Human rights groups had demanded publication of a full list of the "disappeared", who are estimated to number between 20,000 and 30,000. They say thousands of "disappearances" and deaths involved not guerrillas, but non-violent political opponents of the military regime.

On Thursday, human rights organizations demonstrated in front of Government House, with posters in the form of large photographs of the "disappeared". The demonstrators, numbering more than a thousand, recognized a senior police officer and attacked his car. The officer left.

The Government statement has also been widely condemned by political leaders. Señor Fernando de La Rúa, a presidential hopeful from the Radical Party, has condemned the attempt to place all illegal actions by the security forces under the jurisdiction of military, and not civilian courts. He said that under the constitution, jurisdiction of the courts cannot be altered retrospectively, as the Government is trying to do. Other political leaders have described the Government's handling of the issue as repugnant.

The Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, the group of women who have been campaigning for almost five years to learn what happened to their "disappeared" children, condemned the statement. "In reality it is nothing more than a new and unsuccessful attempt to escape justice and guarantee the impunity of the cowards who were responsible for the last decade of horror and tragedy in Argentina."

Man has urge to kill, court told

From Our Correspondent, Liverpool

A man accused of murdering his five-year-old nephew as the boy lay asleep with his mother has an irresistible urge to kill people, a court in Liverpool has told yesterday.

Ronald Waldron, aged 37, of Compton Way, Anfield, Liverpool, has admitted to the police that he has had the killer instinct for many years. "The mad was being investigated," he had told them. "I get the madness, the killing instinct. I just cannot help myself. With the drink and the speed on top I just cannot control myself."

He appeared at Liverpool Magistrates' Court yesterday charged with murdering Andrew, the attempted murder of Mrs Rosemary Waldron, aged 32, the boy's mother, and aggravated burglary on April 23.

Reporting restrictions were lifted at the request of Mr Alex Cleaveley, Mr Waldron's solicitor.

The court was told that Mr Waldron had made a full written confession to the police and other equally serious matters were being investigated.

Mr Norman Wootton, the stipendiary magistrate, remanded Mr Waldron in custody until next Tuesday.

Mr Brian Crebbin, prosecuting solicitor, said: "He confessed in very considerable detail both orally and in a very lengthy statement to both these and other matters."

"He said he has had these urges for many years and when they arise he will kill anyone," Mr Crebbin said.

"Inquiries will revolve round not only the presently charged offences, but indeed other matters believed to have been committed, not only on Merseyside but throughout the country," Mr Crebbin said.

He told the court: "Before she went to bed, Mrs Waldron locked and secured as best she could the doors and windows. She remained asleep until this early hours of Saturday morning when she was awoken by the horror of a severe blow to the head."

He added: "She did not, however, lose consciousness and the dreadful thing that happened was that she heard Andrew wake and then realized that her assailant had shifted his attack to the little boy. She lay there unable to do anything and heard Andrew repeatedly hit with a blunt instrument."

Mr Crebbin told the court that while Mrs Waldron lay in bed feigning death she was attacked again. She was unable to identify the man because of the severity of the attack and her limited eyesight, but Mr Waldron later confessed at length to the police.

Mr Crebbin said that Mr Waldron allegedly told the police that before the attack he had been drinking and sniffing glue and had taken a drug. He had spent money he should not have spent and had a row with his wife.

"At first he wanted to kill his wife but put that thought to one side and decided to kill his sister-in-law. He told police that he had an irresistible urge to kill



Water bus: One hundred Maori warriors with tattooed faces rowed the Prince and Princess of Wales to their last formal engagement in New Zealand yesterday. End of tour, page 5.

Riot police use tear gas on Paris students

From Diana Geddes, Paris

About 200 right-wing student wearing leather jackets and with scarves masking their faces, clashed with riot police in Paris yesterday in continuing protest over the introduction of selective second-year examinations.

The students threw stones as the helmeted police fired tear gas and beat them back with batons to prevent them moving towards the National Assembly, the scene of similar clashes between police and right-wing students on Wednesday.

A demonstration by some 6,000 left-wing students on Thursday passed off without incident.

Yesterday's demonstration, by students mainly from law and economics faculties, was also orderly and calm until the moment came for them to disperse at Les Invalides when right-wing militants tried to force a confrontation with police.

The students later regrouped in the Latin Quarter where they again attacked police cars with stones, shattering the windshield of one. The police jumped out with their guns drawn and the demonstrators fled. About 30 police were slightly injured and an unknown number of students.

Police cars and vans of riot police continued to patrol both the left and right banks until late into the evening. Several arrests were made.

Swiss expel Soviet press agency chief for subversive acts

Berne (Reuters) - Switzerland yesterday ordered the closure of the Soviet Novosti news agency's office here and expelled its bureau chief for what it called political agitation, disinformation and interference in Switzerland's internal affairs.

A Justice Ministry statement described the affair as an infringement of sovereignty and said the Government had protested to Moscow.

It said the agency's office in the Swiss capital helped to organize numerous left-wing demonstrations, including one which disrupted Parliament last July, and actively supported conscientious objectors to military service.

Mr Alexei Dumov, the bureau chief, was summoned yesterday morning to the origin Ministry, where he was told that he had 10 days to leave the country.

A Soviet embassy spokesman described the Swiss allegations as groundless and said Moscow had made a strong counter-protest.

Switzerland has protested three times to Moscow in the past 12 months over alleged spying by Soviet diplomats. Over the past 18 months, Switzerland has ordered two Soviet deputy military attaches and two Geneva-based Soviet diplomats to leave the country, all for spying.

A Soviet consular official and the head of the Soviet airline Aeroflot's office in Geneva also left the country last year after being questioned by Swiss police in connection with similar offences.

The Swiss Cabinet said in a separate statement the Novosti's activities endangered the country's security and damaged relations with other states. It pledged to take firm action against all future attempts to influence political opinion in this country.

Novosti specializes in feature articles about the Soviet Union. It has been suspected by Western intelligence of having links with the KGB, the Soviet secret service. It has denied the accusations.

The Justice Ministry claimed that Novosti conducted its subversive activities largely through two Swiss employees. A ministry spokesman said no arrests of Swiss had been made.

The ministry said that, acting under the cover of the two Swiss, Novosti infiltrated Switzerland's peace movement, as well as a dissident youth movement.



Alexei Dumov: Interest in peace movement

Pretoria to close city parks to blacks

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Pretoria has decided to ban blacks wholly or partially from 17 of the city's parks, and is considering whether other "problem parks" should also be reserved for whites only. Uniformed guards with dogs will patrol the parks "sporadically" to discourage any blacks tempted to ignore the ban.

This return to the rigidities of an earlier apartheid era was agreed on at a meeting on Thursday night of the Pretoria City Council by 23 votes to seven. The majority group on the council, the Federation of Ratepayers Association, is dominated by members of the National Party (NP), which also rules at the national level.

Pretoria's parks were opened to all races in the mid-1970s at the time of the holding of the South African Games so as to avoid possible embarrassment to black participants from other countries, such as Malawi.

Three of the 17 parks will be fenced off into black and white sections, and the others will be for whites only. Notice boards will be erected explaining the new regulations. The only blacks exempt from the ban will be nursesmaids looking after white children. It will cost 70,000 rands (about £40,000) to put up the fences and boards.

Black traffic policemen will be employed as "relations officers" whose job will be to explain in a "nice" way to their fellow blacks that they are not allowed in the parks.

Heath accuses Fleet Street

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Edward Heath last night accused a number of Fleet Street newspapers of a conspiracy to ruin his relations with the Royal Family and to publicly discredit him.

The former Prime Minister missed a 7.03 pm Commons vote on the Finance Bill on Wednesday because police held up traffic in Parliament Street to give the Queen Mother clear access through to a City engagement, despite their obligation to allow MPs equally clear access to the Commons.

Mr Heath was reported to have said that even if the Queen was passing by at the time of a Commons vote, her car "could be diverted round the park once or twice."

Yesterday's *Daily Express* carried the main front-page headline: "Heath clashes with Queen Mother's Rolls. Who goes first? I do, says Ted the ex-Premier."

Mr John Warden, the paper's political editor, wrote: "An angry Mr Edward Heath last night claimed right of way over the Queen and the Royal Family when he is going to the Commons. Members of Parliament cannot be stopped by the monarch," he declared. "That should be obvious."

But in a statement issued at the Commons, Mr Heath described the *Daily Express* and other newspaper reports, making the matter a personal issue between the Queen Mother and himself, as "a disgraceful piece of journalism."

He said that he had the greatest admiration and respect for the Queen Mother, who had shown him many kindnesses.

Mr Heath added: "It is an attempt to ruin my relations as a former Prime Minister with the Royal Family and to discredit me personally in the eyes of the public. Speaking in Exeter, he changed the word 'attempt' to 'plan'."

The statement said that he had informed the Chief Whip of the reasons for missing the division. "Contrary to statements in the papers, I have made no complaints to anyone else. I so informed the *Daily Express* lobby correspondent, the only press man of those who have written about the incident to speak to me personally."

But he accused Mr Warden, who is chairman of the Parliamentary Lobby Journalists, of breaking the rules of the Lobby in the article he had written. Lobby journalists often work on a non-attributable basis, not quoting or identifying their sources.

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Washington 'cake' loses chunk of icing

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The Capital building (right) which dominates the Washington skyline like an ornate wedding cake, is falling apart. And, being at the centre of the city's political life, the building's crumbling facade has immediately become the source of a political dispute.

On Wednesday night, shortly after President Reagan had finished delivering his Central American address to a joint session of Congress, a 16ft section of the historic West Front of the building crumbled to the ground.

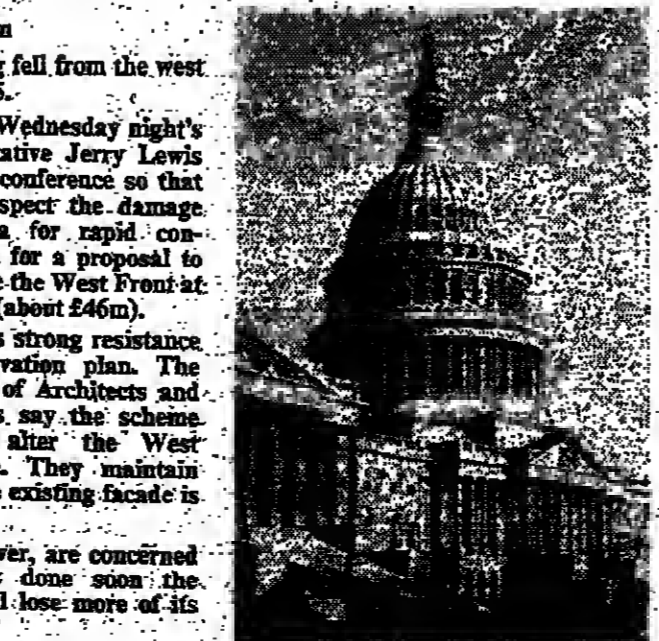
The collapse was in a section of the Capitol that was built between 1802 and 1807: the original wing of the House of Representatives for which George Washington laid the corner stone.

Although no one was injured it was the most serious incident to befall the building since a 40lb chunk of decorative moulding fell from the west central front in 1965.

Within hours of Wednesday night's incident, Representative Jerry Lewis had called a press conference so that journalists could inspect the damage and hear his plea for rapid congressional approval for a proposal to enlarge and improve the West Front at a cost of over \$70m (about £46m).

However, there is strong resistance to the \$70m renovation plan. The American Institute of Architects and conservation groups say the scheme would drastically alter the West Front's appearance. They maintain that a facelift of the existing facade is all that is required.

Both sides, however, are concerned that if nothing is done soon the "wedding cake" will lose more of its icing.



TV football agreement may be near

The Football League and television companies may be near agreement on the televising of football next season. At a seven-hour meeting yesterday a revised set of proposals was worked out and these are being circulated to club chairmen in advance of their meeting next Thursday.

The TV companies have made no advance on their previous offer of £5.3m over two years, but they have made alterations to the planned coverage, with four matches being shown at the weekend rather than 10 as at present. These would include "a part live element", matches being played on Saturday night and Sunday afternoons to fit in with TV schedules. They also have agreed to make some concessions on shirt-advertising.

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'Million acres derelict'

More than a million acres of land in Britain, five times the area usually regarded as derelict, have been damaged by industrial development, a conference was told yesterday.

Professor Graham Ashworth, head of urban environmental studies at Salford University and a former president of the Royal Town Planning Institute, said the figure of 25,000 acres usually quoted should be multiplied five times for a true picture of damaged land.

He called for a unit at governmental-level to be set up to run a national waste disposal and reclamation strategy.

Waste land was "dangerous, damaging, ugly and impeding", Professor Ashworth told the closing session of Reclamation '83, a four-day conference of local authorities and industry at Grays, Essex. "We shall never know how much economic development has hindered because of bad environment."

Professor Ashworth described the creation of an international garden festival at derelict docks in Liverpool as a great act of faith.

Beatles museum given £40,000

A planned museum in Liverpool to the Beatles is to get a £40,000 urban development grant from the Government, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for the Environment, announced yesterday.

The development in a building near the site of the Cavern Club, where the group began, is being carried out by the commercial radio station Radio City, with support from Merseyside County Council and the English Tourist Board.

Benefit Giro stays first class

The Government has dropped plans to send Giro cheques for social security benefits by second-class post. Mr Anthony Newton, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Security, said in a Commons written reply yesterday.

He said he was looking for economies without causing hardship or inconvenience to claimants.

Blow to video pirates

The campaign against video piracy was advanced significantly yesterday when the Copyright (Amendment) Bill completed its passage through the Commons.

It means the present maximum penalty under the Copyright Act of £50 for trading in pirate videos goes up to £1,000 with an unlimited fine and a maximum of two years' imprisonment on conviction by a crown court.

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Arson charges withdrawn

John Alfred Walker, aged 31, of Harehills Avenue, Leeds, was committed for trial at Leeds Crown Court by magistrates at Bradford, West Yorkshire, yesterday, charged with stealing property valued at £63 from a house in Bradford. An application for bail was rejected.

Hunting banned

The Labour-controlled Thamesdown Borough Council has banned fox hunting on its land. The ban will cover 1,000 acres in the Wiltshire borough.

Correction

Nationalization of the top 25 companies and rationalization of privatized industry, with compensation only on the ground of proven need, have not been included in Labour's manifesto as stated yesterday.

'Dr Doolittle' fined for his anti-fraud crusade

A self-styled Dr Doolittle who wanted to "talk to the bureaucrats" defrauded the Department of Health and Social Security of more than £11,000, claiming it was in the public interest, magistrates in Wimbledon, south London, were told yesterday.

Brian Davies, aged 53, of Kingsmead Avenue, Worcester Park, claimed unemployment and supplementary benefit for four years while he was working full time. He was convicted of five charges of making false statements to the department and was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £200 costs.

Mr Ian Wheatley, for the prosecution, said: "Dr Davis was finally caught after he wrote a letter to the Speaker of the House of Commons saying: 'Knowing that the DHSS ignored small frauds, I set myself a target of £12,000, which I expected to take a period of four years to obtain'."

Davis, a PhD, and BSc, a former management consultant now working as a jobbing gardener, received £11,470

Election issues matter more than the date, Biffen says

By Anthony Bovas, Political Correspondent

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons and a known Cabinet advocate of election delay, last night threw himself into the pre-June campaign with a denunciation of the Labour Party's Bennite platform.

He said in Bristol: "We are now all denuded by the chatter of general election dates. I will not add to the chorus. There is little further to be said. The debate should now proceed to election issues and party policies."

Mr Biffen chooses his words with acute care, and the fact that he has now jumped on to the campaign bandwagon will make it all the more difficult for the Prime Minister to extricate himself from the June option.

He said last night: "This election is going to be one of the most exciting and important since 1945. There really is the option of radical Bennite change."

In spite of the fact that Mr Wedgwood Benn now brooded on Labour's backbenches, he had managed to imprint his own particular brand of socialism on Labour's policies.

He was not discarded his privileged position, only would be casting it in the air at such exciting prospects." Mr Biffen said. "By conscious choice, or by miscalculation, the British public could soon be taking a giant stride to the left, to greater government, higher taxation and planned equality."

The lesson, he added, was clear. Labour had been captured by Mr Benn and his backers. The Labour right, including Mr Denis Healey were hurt out. "They are yesterday's men in ideas and organization."

Mr Michael Foot, the Labour leader, said in Warrington that although the Prime Minister spoke of recovery, there had been no recovery for the extra 2.5 million who were now on supplementary benefit with one-in-eight now dependent on it or for the people who had been affected by the Conservative destruction of two million jobs.

He added "Mrs Thatcher and the Tories hanker after our Victorian past. The general election will be the past versus the future."

The campaign is even including sub-debates about specifics. Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Conservative Party chairman, said in Solihull that Labour planned "to deliver the nation's crime fighters into the hands of

politically-motivated groups of left-wing councillors".

Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow home secretary, said in Sparkbrook, Birmingham, last night that it was not surprising "that under such an incompetent Home Secretary crime in this country should have risen to the highest level in our history."

The crime crisis, he said, would be beaten only when the police were once more an integral part of the communities they served. "That is why the next Labour government will create police authorities all over Britain with powers to ensure that the police are run in a way that the people want and need."

But Labour's campaign was not without its dissent. Mr James Callaghan, the former Prime Minister, said at a Berlin conference: "There is no case for unilateral concessions, whether in the field of disarmament or economic relations."

In a plan for a more considered Western approach to the Williamsburg conference and the Soviet Union he said: "If trade concessions and arms reductions can be linked, it would be a step towards a peaceful resolution of our differences."

A survey of 183 Conservative MPs, conducted by the Channel 4 programme *A Week in Politics*, discovered that only 36 per cent wanted a June election, compared to 34 per cent who favoured the autumn.

The Department of Employment last night announced that the Retail Price Index for September would be published on October 14, the day after the favoured date for an October poll.

Unemployment figures will be published on September 29 and November 3 and would therefore have little direct impact on the choice of election date in October.

Voting intentions for the forthcoming Cardiff, North-west, by-election, as indicated in an Opinion Research Centre poll conducted for Independent Television News, were given last night as: Conservative 48 per cent; Labour 26 per cent; SDP-Liberal Alliance 19 per cent; Plaid Cymru 7 per cent. The changes on the last elections were: Conservative down 3 per cent; Labour down 7 per cent; Alliance up 5 per cent; Plaid Cymru up 5 per cent.

Salvage unit to be wound up

The Salvage Corps in London, Liverpool and Glasgow will be wound up next year, it was announced yesterday. The privately-owned service, which employs 300, was founded in the nineteenth century by insurance companies, to minimize the damage caused by fires and water damage.

But the committee of insurers, which spends £4.5m a year running the specialist service, says it believes it can no longer be justified. The job of safeguarding property after fire will be taken over by fire brigades, as in other cities. The committee hopes that the 300 employees will be found jobs in the fire brigades but some of the men believe that their work cannot be adequately done by firemen.

The corps, its vans are frequently seen at the scene of fires in the capital, said in a statement that its management committee "has been increasingly concerned" about its effectiveness.

"The changing shape of commercial interests within London and the ever-widening dispersal of premises and risks, leads to the unavoidable conclusion that a specialist service can no longer be justified," it said.

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The Labour Party and the TUC's joint document setting out an alternative economic strategy was part of the successful composite resolution and will add to Mr Michael Foot's confidence before the election.

The conference voiced a total commitment to the return of a Labour government, which was the only way of reducing "the massive level of unemployment and offering the people of Wales opportunities for employment at levels of remuneration consistent with dignity and self respect."

A move to disassociate Welsh trade unionists from any party talks with a future Labour government was brushed aside by the general council.

Wales faces 'public disorder'

From Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter, Cardiff

Serious social unrest and public disorder could break out in Wales unless immediate steps are taken to tackle unemployment problems, the Government was told yesterday.

A motion overwhelmingly passed by the Wales TUC said that the fabric of Welsh society could break down because of "forced unemployment". Such a situation was "unacceptable and intolerable".

The motion said that the Government was responsible for the "near destruction" of the economy and that it was directly responsible for the high level of unemployment in Wales and "a lowering of the quality of life for the majority of working people".

Mr George Wright, general secretary of the Wales TUC, told *The Times*: "The warnings about social unrest first came in the form in Wales in 1980-81 during the steel strikes and closures."

"The recent speculation about an election has recharged these arguments. If a Thatcher government is returned and the only prospect for young people is more of what we have already had, it is almost certain they will look for other ways of solving their problems."

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Mrs Shirley Goodwin with her sons, Spencer (left) and Bradley yesterday (Photograph: Sureah Karadia).

Ransom woman kept blindfolded

Mrs Shirley Goodwin, the woman held to ransom, described yesterday how she was kept blindfolded during her six-day captivity before being left on a south London street late on Wednesday (Stewart Tendler writes).

Speaking from her bed in her home in Hackney, east London, Mrs Goodwin, aged 40, a mother of four, said she was still recovering from a "terrifying" experience. "I am very weak and cannot walk", she said.

Looking pale and tired Mrs Goodwin, whose husband, John Goodwin, is in prison, said: "I do not know what gave me the strength. I am a fairly strong person. I would not have taken much more of it. I was very frightened."

After she was freed, Mrs Goodwin spoke to her husband, who has a history of heart trouble, by telephone. Two of Mrs Goodwin's teenage sons were with their mother as she spoke to

the press. The other children are staying with friends. As Mrs Goodwin spoke, her voice sometimes trailed away.

During her captivity she said that she was told she would not be harmed and anything she wanted would have been given to her if it was available.

Mr Geoffrey Gordon, the family solicitor, said that Mrs Goodwin had been supported by a "decent, loyal and close-knit family".

Doubts on research into Depo-Provera

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

Strong doubts about the quality of scientific research into the effects of Depo-Provera were expressed yesterday by experts on the panel at the public hearing into its possible use as a long-term contraceptive.

Professor William Asscher, Professor of Medicine at the Welsh National School of Medicine, pointed out that the drug had been in use for 15 years; it was approved in 85 countries and had been used by 10 million women. Yet he had seen no reports of mortality or morbidity rates. That must mean that either it had not been very well studied.

Professor Max Elstein, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Manchester University, said the second suggestion was correct. He did not think the drug in use had been studied properly because epidemiological studies had not been undertaken where good data could be obtained.

Professor Elstein agreed with Professor Asscher that there should be more solid evidence after the drug had been used by 10 million women, but said the evidence from experts in a wide range of fields. The panel will now consider its recommendations. It is expected to report in the middle of next month to Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Health.

Middlesex Hospital Medical School, who said that some of the panel were looking with increasing anxiety at the gaps in the information they wanted.

He questioned Professor Elstein on research into the presence of the drug in the milk of breast-feeding mothers, on its effects on women with impaired liver function and suggested that, on first principles, the drug might be supposed to affect the chemical reaction in foetuses when the sex of the baby was being determined. Dr Jacobs also wanted to know what happened in the womb to cause bleeding difficulties in women taking Depo-Provera.

Professor Elstein accepted that the available research did not answer those questions, and suggested that there should be proper surveillance if it was granted a product licence in Britain. But he pointed out to the panel that the present level of knowledge about the effects of the oral contraceptive pill would have meant it would not have been licensed if the application was being made now.

The public hearing ended yesterday after five days of evidence from experts in a wide range of fields. The panel will now consider its recommendations. It is expected to report in the middle of next month to Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Health.

New technology plea by Tebbit

From Arthur Osman, Birmingham

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, said in Birmingham yesterday that he refused to believe the Midlands had lost its touch in the art of wealth creation "despite the 'nasty knock' it had taken in the recession."

He told the regional Institute of Directors: "Much has been going wrong for a long time. Competitiveness has been steadily eroded, undermining the very foundations of our engineering industry well before the recession struck its blows against weakened firms."

But the "conditions" for recovery were appearing, he said. Manufacturers' expectations on output were stronger than at any time since 1979. Productivity had improved 14.5 per cent over the past two years. The minister said: "I am well aware the Midlands have felt the impact of our economic problems harder than other regions. There are many reasons for this, but one of the most important has been its over-dependence on industries like cars, engineering and metal working."

Traditional industries must become more competitive so that customers such as the components industries will want to buy their products again in large numbers. The area must also look to introduce new indus-

Science report Casting a little sunlight on Einstein

By the Staff of Nature

More controversy about the shape of the Sun's gravitational field has appeared in scientific literature. The issue is important because it bears directly on one of the few observational tests of Einstein's theory of gravitation, the rate at which the perihelion (the closest point of a planet's orbit to the Sun) of Mercury changes its position in relation to the surface of the Sun.

More than half a century ago, the recognition that the apparent forward movement of the perihelion of Mercury agreed well with the predictions of Einstein's theory was something of a triumph. In the 1920s, the only other observational confirmation of Einstein's theory was that of the bending of light from distant stars passing near the limb of the Sun during the solar eclipses of 1919 and 1921.

Then in the 1960s, Dr R. H. Dicke at Princeton University, one of the originators of an alternative theory of relativistic gravitation, described measurements of the shape of the Sun suggesting that it is even less like a true sphere than would be inferred from the observed rotation of its outer surface.

That raised questions about the validity of the forward movement of the orbit of Mercury as a test of Einstein's theory.

Although doubt has since been cast on Dicke's measurements, there has been great interest in his explanation of them, the notion that the inner core of the Sun rotates much more rapidly than the outer layers.

Last year, it seemed that convincing evidence had been found that the Sun's core rotates roughly twice as quickly as its outer surface about once every 13.1 days. A group of astrophysicists, based at Birmingham University, argued that it had been possible to pick out the 13.1-day period in measurements of the velocity of the Sun's surface extending over several months.

Now, two groups of astrophysicists, Dr M. G. Edmunds, from University College, Cardiff, with Dr D. O. Gough, from Cambridge University, and Dr P. Malhotra from the University of Oslo, have pointed out in *Nature* that the 13.1-day oscillation in measurements of spectral lines on the Sun's surface may be a simple consequence of the slower rotation of the outer surface.

Briefly, because of the way in which the measurements are analysed, last year's conclusion that the Sun's core is rotating twice as fast as its outer surface may simply be a statistical illusion.

The dispute at Cowley had shown again on the television screen the spectacle of the mass meeting at which decisions were taken on a show of hands on issues which affected the livelihood of thousands.

Police chief admits raid errors

By Nicholas Timmins

Police officers committed "gross errors of judgment" in the raids on 11 houses in Railton Road, Brixton, in July 1981, Mr Geoffrey Dear, Assistant Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police, said yesterday.

Mr Dear, who carried out the internal police inquiry into the raids, in which thousands of pounds worth of damage was done in a search of petrol bombs, said he had personally recommended disciplinary charges against some officers. The Police Complaints Board, however, whose report on the raids severely censures the police and criticizes their response to the board's findings, had felt it would be unfair to single out individual officers when patently others, who had not been discovered, were guilty as well.

Mr Dear, in an interview on BBC radio, said he was in no way seeking to justify the errors committed. It should be remembered, however, that the police were under "quite enormous stress" after the Brixton

riots, which had been on a scale no-one had seen before.

Significant changes in procedures had been introduced, he said, to counter the errors committed which included missing warrants issued under the Licensing Acts. No petrol bombs were found during the raids.

Much more senior officers had now to be involved in the obtaining and execution of warrants, Mr Dear said. If ethnically sensitive premises, particularly drinking houses, were involved, the advice of community leaders and of the community liaison officer had to be sought. There were also changes in the booking in and booking out of equipment after complaints from the board about lack of supervision in the recording of who was issued with sledgehammers and crow-bars.

In addition, there had been a heavy training programme for senior officers in handling such action in the context of public disorder, and police training methods had been undergoing

changes when the riots occurred.

Mr John Fraser, Labour MP for Lambeth, Norwood, whose constituency includes parts of Brixton, said yesterday he was very unhappy at what the report had revealed and said it "really does point towards a wider accountability for the strategy of such operations".

Mr Fraser, whose parliamentary question led to publication of the report some months after it was completed, described its findings as "sensational", and said he was unhappy that the police had not been specific to the board about the changes they had made.

Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, yesterday announced that police forces in five areas, together with the customs and excise, had agreed to participate in field trials for the tape recording of interviews with suspects (Our Political Correspondent writes). "Two cassette tapes will be recorded simultaneously. One will be treated as an exhibit and the other as a working copy."

Court order for wife of 'supergrass'

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Sir John Hermon, the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary was ordered yesterday to produce the wife of an alleged IRA "supergrass" in the High Court next week after a writ of habeas corpus was issued at the Court of Appeal.

Lord Lowry, the Lord Chief Justice, found that there was a prima facie inference that Mrs Linda Quigley was restrained from meeting her relatives earlier this month when she appeared in the recorder's court in Londonderry. He was giving a reserved judgment in an appeal by Mrs Quigley's sister against the refusal last week of a High Court judge to issue a writ.

with her husband, Robert, and children from their home in Londonderry last November, after he allegedly gave information leading to the arrest and charging of several people for terrorist offences. He is expected to be the main witness in a forthcoming trial.

Mrs Quigley's relatives allege that despite several requests she was prevented from meeting them when she appeared in an action for damages over injuries she received in a road accident.

Sitting with Lord Justice Jones and Lord Justice O'Donnell, Lord Lowry in a unanimous judgment said the prima facie inference was that Mrs Quigley was kept from her

relatives, although perhaps with her welfare and safety in mind.

He ordered that the writ be returned by next Friday for a hearing in the Queen's Bench Division.

Yesterday's hearing was the latest in moves made by the families of "supergrasses" to discover the whereabouts of their relatives.

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Parkinson gets key role in TV-am's future with place on board

Michael Parkinson emerged yesterday as one of the key factors in TV-am's survival programme when his appointment to the board of the company was announced by Mr Timothy Aitken, chief executive.

Mr Aitken made it clear, in announcing new financial arrangements to secure the future of the commercial breakfast television service, that Mr Parkinson would be putting forward programme ideas, in addition to his present duties, shared with his wife, Mary Parkinson, of presenting the weekend programmes, the most successful in ratings terms.

Mr Aitken, questioned by reporters on the appointment, yet to be approved by the Independent Broadcasting Authority, said: "It was not as a result of an ultimatum delivered to us."

He emphasized that Mr Parkinson's role would not clash with that of Mr Greg

Dyke, the new editor-in-chief. Mr Aitken added that he had wanted him on the board because he believed Mr Parkinson to be "a totally professional and dedicated man who knows about making television work particularly in terms of people viewing it."

At their meeting on the day of the breaking of the "famous five" presentation team, he had come to understand the company's problems, Mr Aitken said.

Mr Michael Deakin will continue to be director of programmes, but the appointment of Mr Hilary Lawson as deputy chief executive, which the board would have had to approve, had not taken place and he is no longer with the company.

Improving revenue was not only to do with advertising, he added. David Frost would be involved in "a lot of things we have planned", but which Mr Aitken would not specify.

He added that the staff had responded at all levels in a dramatic way to the cost-cutting exercise. There had been the need for only a few redundancies; operating costs having been reduced by 25 per cent, he said.

Mr Aitken, who impressed by his forthright answers, gave an example of how costs had risen. "One of the stories I heard was of one man who bought a TR7 on the strength of his overtime alone."

Asked what had happened to him, Mr Aitken said: "He can not buy a TR7 on his earnings any more. But was he still with the company? Yes, he is. Any character as creative as that bloody well ought to be."

Mr Robert Kee, the other "famous five" survivor, is to continue to play a leading role.

Mr Aitken refused to comment on the dismissal of Anna Ford and Angela Rippon, a matter in which he said the board were interested in seeing a fair and proper settlement but which was still with solicitors.

His most important point was that costs would be at a level to ensure survival, even if advertising was out as great in the original budget and won't be for some considerable time.

He confirmed that the company's bank overdraft of £3m had been reinstated, and that all the institutional shareholders would fully honour financial commitments to TV-am.

Refusing to discuss figures, Mr Aitken said that he was convinced that the necessary funds were available to give them time to build themselves up again, particularly so far as the ratings - down to 300,000 - were concerned.

"The point is that the losses talked about in the old budget do not exist in the new one. I have not been sitting here doing nothing for the past two weeks."



Facing the press: Lord Marsh (left), TV-am chairman, and Mr Timothy Aitken, chief executive, yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris)



Family gathering: Five police dogs from the same litter at a passing out parade in Keston, south London, which ended their 14-week training course (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Intelligence captain to be dismissed

A captain in the Intelligence Corps was sentenced yesterday to be dismissed the service for being drunk when in charge of a patrol on the East German border last November.

Captain Jobo Apps, aged 32, had admitted the charge at a court martial in Aldershot, Hampshire and another that he had failed to ensure the efficiency of other members of the patrol was not impaired by drink.

Earlier in the hearing he was cleared of acting indecently towards a soldier, which he had denied.

The prosecution had alleged that he kissed Craftsman John Curley on the neck and that Craftsman Curley had punched the captain, knocking him out.

The alleged incidents occurred at Kaseren, half a mile from the East German border, last November after the patrol stopped to spend the night at a guesthouse.

Some of the soldiers danced with three German girls in the bar. At one point, Captain Apps crawled on the floor, playing with a dog.

Captain Apps told his second-in-command he had drunk 10 or 12 large beers, the court was told earlier.

Captain Apps who is married with two children, was commissioned from Sandhurst in 1970 and later went on a Russian interpreters' course before being posted to 14 Signal Regiment as intelligence officer. His service record was said to be very good.

Mr Charles Kelly, for the defence, said the Captain felt remorse for what had happened.

At the start of yesterday's proceedings the Judge Advocate referred to a cartoon which appeared in Thursday's London evening Newspaper *The Standard* and which he said reflected on the proceedings of the court martial.

Judge Advocate Geoffrey Chapman said the court should consider it under section 101 of the Army Act, which relates to the court's powers over contempt.

After Captain Apps had been sentenced, the court considered the cartoon.

The president, Brigadier Leslie Busk, said that in his opinion, the cartoon constituted a prima facie case of contempt. "I shall submit a certificate to that effect to an appropriate civil court."

The sentence of the court on Captain Apps is subject to confirmation.

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Telecom to sell computers

British Telecom entered the computer market yesterday, offering three newly designed pieces of electronic equipment: a personal computer, a word processor and a visual display terminal.

The move is almost unprecedented in a political atmosphere in which nationalized companies have been encouraged to contract and divest themselves of interests other than their central activity.

British Telecom views the expansion as a logical step, one which is closely related to its main activity as a telecommunications carrier.

The corporation, which is defined to be privatized if the Conservatives are returned to power, has met no resistance from the Government to its plans.

Sir George Jefferson, chairman of British Telecom, said: "We have a proven track record in computer communications which goes back more than 20 years, and as Europe's largest computer user, we have a wealth of experience in data processing."

The move will concern, once more, those in the telecommunications industry who have asked the Government to curtail British Telecom's sale of equipment. The competitive atmosphere in telecommunications created by the Government over the past two years is giving the corporation an opportunity to grow and to diversify its investments.

The equipment is made for British Telecom by ICL. Three main sales and service bases will be established in London, Leeds and Birmingham. The products will be sold under the *Media* label, British Telecom's business systems trademark.

and is proportionately more costly at £130,000.

However, only 27 people are now required to operate the system efficiently instead of 39 needed for the manual. That saving, the FPC claims, will be about £65,000 a year and the computer will then pay for itself in two years.

The FPC has been particularly careful about the information which is contained on the files. The basic records, for that reason, were transferred from manual to computer by their own staff without the assistance of outside labour.

In future, it will be possible for a doctor to place a code number or letter concerning individual records, which only the doctor may understand. The code could signify disease, treatment or whatever the doctor might wish to classify.

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One of the most advanced computerized medical record systems has been installed in Bristol for the Bath and the Bristol areas and replaces a manual one which has been used for decades.

The new computer and its 24 terminals allows the 495 doctors in the region to recall any of the one million records contained on the system. At the moment doctors telephone into the centre and then either have the data requested sent to them in the form of a magnetic tape for use on their own micro-computers or they receive an ordinary paper listing. In the near future doctors will be able to connect their computers directly to the system.

The computer network is based at the Avon Family Practitioner Committee (FPC) in Bristol which looks after the interests of the doctors in its area. It is from those computer records, which it took the 18 months to convert from manual files, that the doctors, the dentists, chemists and opticians in the area are paid.

The files contain no sensitive medical information but are lists of patients and their respective ages, sex, address, practitioner. The records allow doctors' payments to be made in a fraction of the time it had taken previously as calculations are based on the age of each patient.

There are three categories of payment - when the patient is under 64, between 65 and 75 or more than 75 years of age.

The Bristol system, which uses CMC computers, is one of six currently in the process of computerizing.

The others are in Barnsley, Derbyshire, Halifax, Gloucestershire, and Buckinghamshire. There are about 90 FPCs in England which will, in the future, have to follow suit.

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A youth aged 16 tried to rape a woman after watching a video recorder of the film, *Confessions of a Window Cleaner*, which he claimed made him want to have sexual intercourse with the juvenile court in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, was told yesterday.

The youth broke into the home of a married woman aged 35 and hid for 20 minutes before attacking her. She was not seriously assaulted and lured him into the kitchen, where she beat him over the head with a pair of washing tongs.

The youth ran off and later left home. He was arrested in Birmingham and told the police in a statement: "I watched the film and then went out because I wanted to have sex with a girl." He admitted burglary with intent to rape and indecent assault.

The case was adjourned for reports.

Peer fined for balloon shots

Lord Mountgarret was fined a total of £1,000 by magistrates in Skipton, north Yorkshire, yesterday for firing a shotgun at a hot air balloon which drifted across his grouse shoot on a Yorkshire moor.

He had pleaded not guilty to causing £276 worth of damage to the balloon, the property of the Skipton Building Society, intending to damage it or being reckless as to whether it would be damaged.

He also denied that he had acted recklessly or negligently in a manner likely to endanger an aircraft or any person in it. He was fined £500 on each charge and ordered to pay £276 compensation and £332 costs.

Lord Mountgarret, aged 46, of Stansley House, South Stansley, near Ripon, told the magistrates that when he fired the shots he was trying to give a warning of danger. He was described as an excellent and experienced shot.

He told the court that as a line of guns were firing at grouse on the moors above Appleton-Wharfedale, north Yorkshire, on October 26, the balloon suddenly rose "like a phoenix" directly ahead of the guns and began drifting towards them. He fired three shots behind the balloon because he feared the pilot intended to land.

"I wanted to make them aware of the danger they were placing themselves in. I do not believe that constitutes recklessness," he said.

The incident happened on a half-hour pleasure flight from Skipton with a pilot and two

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Ministers may soon add to the 23 areas of outstanding natural beauty that now cover about a tenth of the area of England and Wales. They have decided that the Conservatives cannot enter the general election campaign without appealing to the environmental lobby which crosses party boundaries.

After examining recommendations made by the Countryside Commission, the Government has decided that there is a case for adding to the areas. An area of outstanding natural beauty is the next grade of landscape protection after that of national park.

Development controls are supposed to be tougher in such areas than outside, and they are supposed to attract grants to farmers and landowners who adopt policies of protecting wildlife and the appearance of the countryside.

The North Pennines is a strong candidate for confirmation by ministers. The Government decided six months after the last general election not to confirm it because the commission was still examining policy.

Another candidate is the 370 square mile area of the proposed Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs area. That contains important wildlife sites.

The Ramblers' Association and the Council for the Protection of Rural England have appealed this month to ministers to act on commission recommendations that reached them months or years ago. Environmental groups fear that the delay between a proposal from the commission and confirmation by ministers encourages farmers and developers to modernize and develop as fast as possible.

Kidnap charges

Three men accused of kidnapping Mrs Shirley Goodwin, from her flat in Victoria Park Road, Hackney, east London, and imprisoning her against her will were remanded in custody until May 6 by Bow Street magistrates yesterday.

The men are: Mark Anderson, aged 22, a street trader, of Chelsea Estate, Hammersmith; Francis Pina, aged 41, a cleaning contractor, of Tetton Street, Waltham; and Sean Thatcher, aged 25, a bricklayer, of Deacon Way, Waltham.

Pit walkout

Shirebrook colliery near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, was halted yesterday when nearly 2,000 miners walked out in a dispute over redeployment of coalface workers.

Thatcher and docks dominate campaign

Claude Draper, Labour leader, says. But Labour in Bristol has been afflicted by the big city diseases of "entrism" and "outcry hatred". Mr Draper's position is said to be threatened from the left, and Mr Graham Robertson, the housing chairman, has been cast as the Conservatives as a West Country Ken Livingstone, ready to move in after polling day.

Optimistically, leaders of the Alliance talk of winning 12 to 14 seats and thus gaining the "balance of power" between the two main parties. The Alliance has joined the Conservatives in attacking the high spending and high rates imposed on Bristol.

Few city politicians can talk about the elections for long without a famous name cropping up, that of Mr Weidwood Benn, who is seeking one of the new Bristol parliamentary seats. Mr Wall claims that selections to Bristol, South, and Bristol, East, have been postponed until after the election, so Mrs Thatcher will not be the only national politician looking west next Thursday.

Two unrelated issues have dominated a lively election campaign in Bristol: Mrs Margaret Thatcher's personality and the municipal docks.

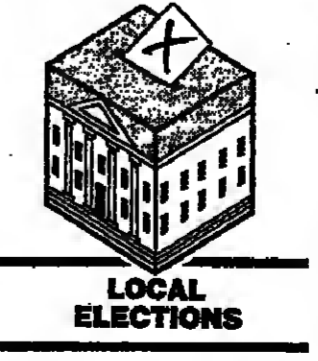
Mr Bob Wall, leader of the Conservatives in their challenge to Labour control of the city council, is proud "that the Prime Minister has dominated all else, even unemployment. People either like her or loathe her, and they are three to one in favour."

Bristol with several marginal seats under new boundaries, is a bellwether area for national shifts in political opinion, but the docks are a specially Bristolian issue on which local opinion is sharply divided.

Under Labour the Portbury docks complex, the largest in the country under council ownership, has required a subsidy from the rates of £10m a year, the equivalent of '17 pence in the pound.

But only the Liberals have suggested closing the docks, to the embarrassment of their Social Democrat allies, who take a more cautious view. The Conservatives say they would relieve the large debt on the docks by selling adjacent land.

Privately Labour organizers believe their majority of the 68 council seats will be cut, but think their emphasis on the council's job creation programme will appeal to the electorate. "This is a test of whether the Labour Party is best able to cope with that social disaster, unemployment," Mr



LOCAL ELECTIONS

Public hopes of Shultz shuttle mission give way to private fears

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

This weekend is expected to prove crucial in determining whether the maiden shuttle mission to the Middle East by Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, stands any hope of success in bridging the gap between Israel and Lebanon over troops withdrawal.

The more important question about whether Syria will accept an Israeli-Lebanese agreement also remains unresolved and is overshadowing Mr Shultz's efforts which, to succeed, require the withdrawal of 30,000 Syrian soldiers and 1,000 tanks at the same time.

Some form of breakthrough is vital, not only for the political reputation of Mr Shultz who has been just nine months in the job and has recently come under criticism, but also for the reputation of the Reagan Administration's foreign policy performance.

The American delegation is already believed to have transmitted a pessimistic assessment to the White House of the chances of success for the mission. These have combined with leaks about Mr Shultz's initial reluctance to go on the mission to provide a general mood of despondency.

These private reflections have been countered by public statements of hope and goodwill, although the optimism of the first stage of the mission in Egypt quickly wore off. Yesterday, the most Mr Shultz could do for the cameras was to speak of "an inch or maybe an inch and a half of progress".

Inevitably, his performance is being compared with that of his

two best-known predecessors, Dr Henry Kissinger and Mr Alexander Haig, and, perhaps inevitably for an economist who shows no great taste for public performance, it has already been found lacklustre.

Yesterday for the first time since the mission began, Mr Shultz switched from exploratory talks to real negotiation during a meeting with Mr Menachem Begin, the Prime Minister, and other senior Cabinet members.

Over the next 48 hours, Mr Shultz is due to hold a series of top-level meetings in Beirut and Jerusalem, including a private session with Mr Begin, which should demonstrate whether there is sufficient common ground for intensive shuttle diplomacy to secure agreement.

Tomorrow, the Israeli Cabinet will hold its first session since the shuttle began, and ministers are expected to look for areas where Israel can soften its consistent hard line, especially over security demands for southern Lebanon.

Any hope of movement from Jerusalem over the sticking point of the future role of Major Saad Haddad, the militia leader whose men are financed, armed and trained by Israel, appeared to have been ruled out after the Foreign Ministry swiftly quashed local reports that a concession had been conveyed to the US.

A senior Israeli official described the renege as major as "Lebanese patriot" and contemptuously dismissed a comment made by the Beirut Government that it was "unprecedented" for one nation to be

demanding sovereign rights in appointing a national of the other.

"Other position is very clear and unchanged. The major should be given a position of command and responsibility in southern Lebanon", the official said after attending talks between Mr Shultz, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Foreign Minister, and Mr Moshe Arens, the Defence Minister. "We think that the Lebanese should reward Major Haddad for what he has done."

The Israeli stand seems to take no account that Major Haddad, aged 45, is known as a previous ally of the family of Mr Camille Chamoun, the former President of Lebanon and a noted rival of the Gemayel family, a member of which is now Lebanon's head of state.

Deportation sought: Mr Neil Scher, acting director of the US Justice Department's special investigations unit arrived in Jerusalem this week to study the possibility of deporting Archbishop Valerian. This of Romania from America to Israel to stand trial for alleged war crimes, David Bernstein writes.

The 68-year-old former head of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate in the US and Canada, who was stripped of his American citizenship last October, is alleged to have incited a pro-Nazi riot in Bucharest in 1941, which resulted in the deaths of some 230 Jews and Christians.

The Justice Department ordered Archbishop Trifa to be deported.



Protest kick: A young protester at a Mothers' Day march in Buenos Aires, held to demand information about the "disappeared ones", vents his frustration on a police motor cyclist.

Reagan envoy expected to pass Congress scrutiny

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Mr Richard Stone, President Reagan's choice as a special envoy to Central America, has emphasized the difficulties in bringing peace to that troubled region.

Shortly after the President announced his appointment, Mr Stone, a millionaire former senator from Florida, told a press conference that the odds are long against obtaining a negotiated settlement in El Salvador. "Anyone who thinks that a mere invitation to peace will produce peace is just inaccurate and unrealistic."

However, Mr Stone's most immediate problem is to win Congressional approval for his appointment. Although the White House is saying it expects him to be confirmed easily, some Congressmen have expressed concern about his right-wing views and his past associations with the government of Guatemala.

Between 1981 and 1982 Mr Stone was a registered foreign agent of the Guatemala Government. He explained his role as trying to "advance towards peace with Belize and to try and get an improvement of human rights in Guatemala sufficient to entitle and warrant a restoration of US relations and support."

Guatemala is not known for its respect for human rights. At least 20,000 people have been killed there in recent years, the majority by government forces or officially-condoned death squads.

Although human rights abuses are understood to have fallen since President Rios Montt ousted his predecessor, President Lucas Garcia, last year, the country's record is still considered one of the worst in the world.

Senator Charles Mathias, a member of the Senate would only approve Mr Stone's nomination after "a complete inventory of all his baggage". This would include Mr Stone's role in Guatemala and whether his "political philosophy is broad enough to deal with all parties in Central America."

President Reagan has argued that Mr Stone's work in Guatemala "just adds to the experience he's had down there and the job he can do".

However, a hurried examination of his Guatemala connections were responsible for a 24-hour delay in his nomination, and explains why the President did not announce his name in his address to the joint session of Congress on Wednesday night.

Mr Stone, a Spanish-speaker, was a member of the United States delegation that monitored the March 1982 elections in El Salvador. Last February he held secret negotiations with President Managua which resulted in an agreement with the Government to hold presidential elections by the end of this year.

The speed with which his nomination goes through the Senate will provide an important test of Congress's reaction to the doctrine on Central

East-West trade tension worsens

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Tensions in Washington over East-West trade worsened yesterday as Reagan Administration officials reacted negatively to an unusually strong diplomatic protest filed by the European Community.

The eight-page document, which was approved by the Council of Ministers last Monday, expressed the Community's "deep abiding concern" over new US proposals to tighten controls on Western trade to Soviet block countries.

Specifically, the Community urged the Administration to reconsider proposed legislation that would invest the President with even greater authority to restrict to flow of goods from both US and European companies to East Europe.

The Administration has asked for the tougher trade curbs in proposed legislation to renew the expiring US Export Administration Act. Congress is holding hearings on the legislation and is expected to take some important decisions in weeks ahead.

A Community official said the Council of Ministers decided to lodge a protest at this

time because of its growing concern over the heightened rhetoric in Washington over East-West trade.

European officials would have preferred to play down the growing dispute until after the Williamsburg economic summit next month, but felt events were moving too quickly.

The eight-page document, excerpts of which were reported in *The Times* two weeks ago, said the United States had increasingly exacerbated the trade dispute by seeking to impose its laws on European companies without consulting its allies.

The Community is particularly worried by the "extraterritorial" concerns which rose during the Soviet gas pipeline dispute and are raised again in the new legislation.

The memorandum, which diplomats described as containing the toughest language seen in recent years, was delivered personally to the State Department by Sir Roy Denman, the EEC's Ambassador in Washington, and Herr Peter Hornes, the West German Ambassador whose country chairs the Council of Ministers.

EEC urges lower US rates

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The American Administration came under further pressure to use its influence to force down interest rates and stabilize currencies, at a top-level meeting in Brussels which ended yesterday.

The meeting was called by the US with the EEC, Japan and Canada specifically to study the effects of finance on trade.

The EEC has been growing increasingly anxious that high interest rates are bankrupting Third World countries and making it impossible for them to trade with industrialized countries.

At a meeting last week in Washington with President Reagan, Mr Gaston Thorn, the president of the European Commission, urged the Administration to intervene to cut interest rates and to stabilize exchange rates in order to help overcome the world recession.

This theme was taken up again at the meeting in Brussels when Mr William Brock, President Reagan's special trade representative, heard the case again.

Mr Brock said the Administration was aware of the importance of new copyright law but one of the major problems was getting legislation to keep pace with technological change. The Government intended to bring forward appropriate legislation as soon as possible.

Video piracy had grown at an extraordinary rate in Britain and while the growth of the legitimate industry was to be welcomed the growth of the pirate sector was to be deplored. They were determined to cut out this cancer at the heart of the British film industry.

The scale of piracy was staggering, perhaps two-thirds of pre-recorded cassettes in the United Kingdom were pirate copies and £12m a year which should be returning to the industry was being drained away by the video pirates.

The Government's support for this Bill was a clear sign that it was determined to defend the pirates.

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Costa Rica releases shipload of dynamite

From Martha Honey, Puntarenas, Costa Rica

A Swedish-owned ship has been released to resume its voyage to Nicaragua after Costa Rican authorities admitted its cargo of dynamite was for commercial use and not destined for left-wing guerrillas in the region.

The ship, lying offshore, with its five-man crew, including a Swedish captain, has been held for almost a week by Costa Rica, suspected of carrying clandestine arms to the left-wing Sandinista Government of Nicaragua.

A combination of official nerves and distortions in certain quarters have worked to blow this minor mishap into an international incident, which has further fuelled tensions between Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

Over the past two months there have been other incidents. These include the discovery near the Nicaraguan border of an arms-laden helicopter belonging to an anti-Sandinista guerrilla group; the arrest, apparently inside Costa Rican waters, of three American game fishermen and their Costa Rican guides; the reported overflight of a Nicaraguan military aircraft and several border incursions by Nicaraguan soldiers.

Earlier this week, President Luis Alberto Monge of Costa Rica announced he would not hold scheduled talks with the Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega.

Unlike Nicaragua's northern neighbour, Honduras, which is openly supporting Nicaraguan counter-revolutionary forces, Costa Rica publicly maintains its neutrality.

However, it is now an open secret that Señor Eden Pastora's Democratic Revolutionary Alliance and Señor Fernando "El Negro" Chamorro's Revolutionary Armed Forces of Nicaragua are moving considerable quantities of arms and men across Costa Rica and into Nicaragua, where they both claim to be opening a "southern front" against the Sandinistas.

Although both Señor Pastora and Señor Chamorro have been officially asked to leave Costa Rica, they move quietly in and out of the country.

United States involvement in anti-Sandinista activity in Costa Rica is widely suspected, but unconfirmed. The United States, with Israel, has also been urging Costa Rica, which has had no army since 1948, to build up its security forces and both countries are supplying military assistance.

Ex-minister accused of smuggling drugs

Miami (Reuters) - Colonel Luis Arce Gomez, the former Bolivian Interior Minister, and several of his top aides, have been indicted here for conspiring to smuggle hundreds of pounds weight of cocaine into the United States through Miami. None of them are in the United States.

Colonel Arce Gomez served in the Bolivian military regime which handed over power to a civilian government after elections last year.

An indictment returned by a federal grand jury alleges that he appointed henchmen to sensitive law enforcement posts in order to control the flow of drugs from Bolivia to the United States. It says he set up para-military enforcement groups to seize cocaine from traffickers who were not paying him protection money.

Mr Stanley Marcus, a United States attorney, told a press conference that Colonel Gomez and 17 people accused with him were in various places in South America and he hoped for cooperation in efforts to have them extradited to the United States.

Botha rebukes rugby official

Cape Town (AFP) - Mr F. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, has warned Mr Albert Ferrasse, the French Rugby Federation president, "not to interfere in domestic affairs".

The Star newspaper reported here, Mr Ferrasse said on Thursday that he would speak out against apartheid.

The Prime Minister said: "We in South Africa do not like uncalculated interference with our domestic affairs." He would meet Mr Ferrasse "if I have time".

Blood test for former Beatie

Bonn - A Berlin court has ordered Paul McCartney, the former Beatle, to travel to West Berlin for a blood test by a court-approved doctor to decide whether he is the father of an illegitimate daughter.

A spokesman for Mr McCartney said in London: "He's happy to make himself available to prove he is not the father and did not know this woman." But it would not be necessary to travel to Berlin, he added.

Britain and US stage walk-out

Helsinki - The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) confirmed that its autumn meeting will be held in Seoul, South Korea, despite communist protests.

British and American delegates walked out in protest against a draft resolution which said that the Falklands belonged to Argentina and condemned Washington for its links with South Africa.

Brunei denial

Bandar Seri Begawan (Reuters) - Brunei has denied threatening to end its production agreement with the Anglo-Dutch oil company Royal Dutch Shell unless Britain keeps its Gurkha troops in the sultanate after independence at the end of the year. A Brunei Government spokesman said that a Reuters report to that effect was unfounded and misleading and its publication was deeply regretted.

Nuclear ban

Athens - Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister, said he will propose to the other Balkan leaders immediate action to establish a nuclear-free zone in the area. "In any case," he added, "we are determined to remove nuclear arms from our country, unilaterally."

Palace attack

Tokyo (Reuters) - A 14-year-old schoolboy who threw a hammer at Emperor Hirohito on the grounds of the Imperial Palace on the emperor's eightieth birthday yesterday was arrested by police. The hammer fell short of a bullet-proof glass shield protecting the emperor.

Sofia appeal

Vienna (Reuters) - Two Italians jailed in Sofia earlier this month for spying, are to appeal against the verdict to the Bulgarian Supreme Court. One received ten and a half years and the other three years.

A dog's life

Milan (Reuters) - Dozens of dog lovers turned up in a Milan court to support a man accused of stealing from well-off dogs to feed their poorer brethren. But the case was dismissed when the kennel owner who employed him dropped charges.

Correction

The omission of a line in a report on April 25 gave the impression that the Nationalists received an absolute majority of seats in Italy's last election in December 1978. Although the poll was held, the party obtained an absolute majority of the popular vote. The Main Labour Party retained a majority of seats.

'Stern' will not hand over diaries

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

The publisher of *Stern* announced yesterday that the Hamburg-based magazine would not hand over the Hitler diaries to an international historical commission to examine their authenticity, as in this way *Stern* would destroy its exclusivity.

Herr Henri Nannen, the publisher, said in a letter to the Munich Institute of Contemporary History that *Stern* has spent a "not inconsiderable amount of money on buying and researching the diaries. In reply to charges that the magazine was trying to make money out of their publication, Herr Nannen said he would not be so untruthful as to deny that

Minister of the Interior and the Foreign Minister for their support.

The East Germans yesterday continued to maintain silence on the affair. Contrary to the report published in *The Times* yesterday, they have not yet specifically denied that a forgery factory for fake Nazi documents existed in Potsdam.

Yesterday Herr Norbert Gansel, a Social Democratic member of the Bundestag, called on the Government to set up an international commission of experts to examine the diaries. He said this commission should include Soviet and Israeli experts.

Meanwhile, the magazine yesterday published a declaration by the widow of Hitler's personal chauffeur, Erich Kempka, who died in 1975. She said her husband never doubted that Hitler kept a diary. She was quoted as saying that her husband used to observe Hitler making notes in the car and remarking that he had to write this or that down in his diary.

Herr Wolf-Rüdiger Hess, the son of Rudolf Hess, has published the text he sent to the four allied powers asking them to allow his father, who is in Spandau prison, Berlin, to inspect the diaries and testify to their authenticity. Herr Hess asked Chancellor Kohl, the



Hot work: Mt Etna lava flows behind Swedish demolition expert Leisner (centre) as he studies ways of diverting it by dynamiting the slopes of the erupting volcano.

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Oslo ready to sink foreign sub

Oslo (Reuters) - Norway threatened yesterday to sink a foreign submarine reported to be in one of its west coast fjords as Sweden launched a hunt for another suspected submarine.

Mr Anders Sjaastad, the Norwegian Defence Minister, said after a Cabinet meeting that the Navy had been ordered to sink any foreign submarine that violated Norway's territorial waters. He was speaking shortly after the naval command reported new sonar contacts in a fjord, where Norwegian ships and aircraft began searching for a suspected intruder on Thursday.

Mr Sjaastad said the new contacts in the Hardangerfjord, some 60 miles south of Norway's main naval base at Bergen, were "interesting".

STOCKHOLM: The Swedish Navy yesterday continued to hunt for a suspected Soviet submarine spotted off the east coast town of Sundsvall on Thursday, Christopher Macey writes.

The sighting came just two days after the publication of a Government report blaming the Soviet Union for a long series of submarine intrusions.

Pope calls for release of Solidarity prisoners

The Pope is understood to have urged the Polish Government to release all political prisoners before he visits his homeland in June, thus adding substantial weight to church calls for an amnesty.

Church sources say that the Pope's message had been relayed to the authorities but so far there is no sign of a reaction. Several hundred Solidarity sympathizers are still in prison for martial law offences, such as organizing strikes, and the church has been trying to use the leverage of the papal visit to gain concessions on their behalf.

Some form of concession - though probably not a general amnesty - is likely but the Government wants first to ride out the expected demonstrations on May Day and May 3, for they will give some token of the strength of the Solidarity opposition.

Tomorrow, May Day, has been portrayed as by the Government as a crucial test of strength with the underground, with the authorities determined to show Poland's neighbours that limited political and economic reforms will not open up a new Pandora's box of unrest.

Underground for its part does not really view May Day as a major confrontation but rather as a peaceful alternative procession, similar to that staged last year.

The underground has banned alcohol sales over the next few days, party cells have been briefed about the "opposition challenge", and the Government has approached the church and asked it to call for restraint from the population in the next few days.

The underground processions are due to begin after a Mass in the old town of Warsaw - and elsewhere in Poland - and will coincide with an official Communist march to be held only yards away.

Mr Kazimierz Barcikowski, the Politburo member who sits on the Church-State Commission, has asked the church to postpone the morning Mass due tomorrow to avoid confrontation. But although the church clearly does not want mass clashes between police and demonstrators - lest they lead to the postponement of the papal visit - it regards this as a serious infringement of church rights and has refused the request.

GRAIN MARKET

Project grain production and trade for 1982-83 (July-June) according to the US Agriculture Department. Figures are in millions of tonnes.

Exporters	Imports
Canada 27	Soviet Union 33
Australia 9	Japan 24
Argentina 11	EEC 22
EEC 21	EEC 12
US 96	

The world's main wheat exporting countries ended a two-day meeting here without taking any new moves to overcome the global grain glut.

Senior officials from the United States, Canada, Australia, Argentina and the European Community had gathered to exchange information about the wheat market and discuss ways of coping with the surplus.

Competition has intensified because of a record harvest, low demand and subsidized sales by some of the exporters. US agriculture officials estimate that the world's surplus grain stocks total 250 million tonnes.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Reign in Spain?

The Spanish newspaper Diario 16 has an intriguing, nay positively inspired report that the Foreign Office has requested approval for the appointment of Lord Thomas as Britain's next ambassador to Madrid...

What's new

Next week sees the first issue of yet another SDP-Liberal Alliance publishing venture. The monthly New Democrat incorporates the former Alliance magazine and attempts to replace the fortnightly Democrat...

The Hare and Hounds Inn at Sidbury in Devon advertises a "Children's Room and Monkey Sanctuary."

Table d'Herut

Lieutenant-General Rafael Eitan, whose recent retirement as Israeli chief of staff was out as speedy as the Kahan report on the Sabra and Chatila massacres...

Getting ahead

Staff at the Daily Express are keeping careful watch on their new editor, Sir Larry Lamb. Twenty years ago as humble Albert, a sub-editor on the Daily Mail he bent over his desk in his hurry to get on...

Cutting remarks

There was hollow laughter at the British Tourist Authority's information centre in St James's when a call came from the Department of Trade to say that a group of visiting dignitaries were expected to visit the centre...

Richard Baker arrived with perfect timing at a studio of TV on just as Fleet Street emerged from Timothy Atkin's press conference. A new signing? The former BBC newsreader, now a freelance, regretted not: "This is my son," he explained. "He works here."

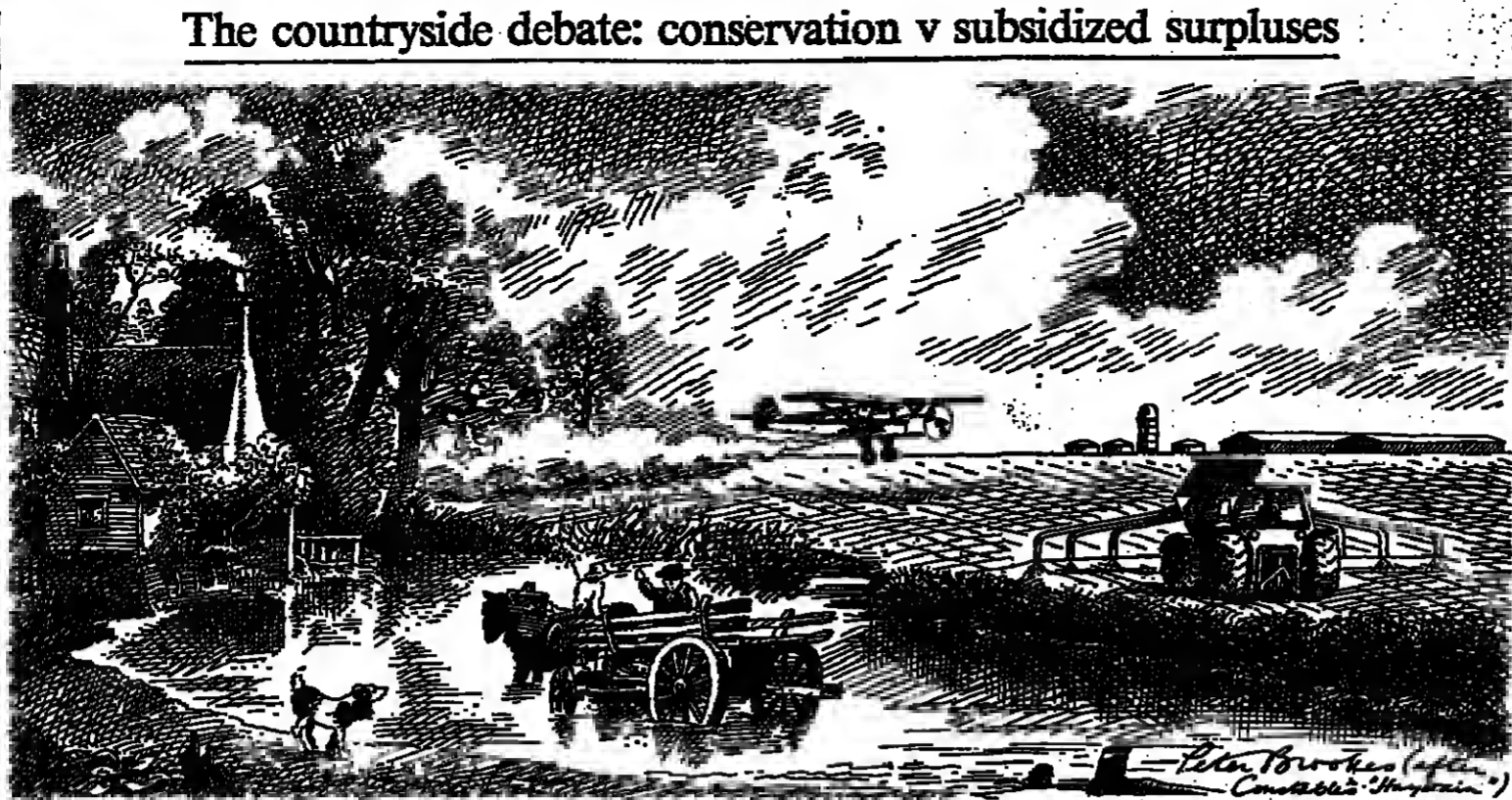
Roger and out

What Pryce accuracy? Virgin Film's publicity for The Ploughman's Lunch apologizes for calling Jonathan Pryce, who is in the film, Roger Pryce, who is out. "This was entirely due to our current preoccupation with the BBC-TV series Roger Doesn't Live Here Anymore in which Jonathan plays Roger." It sounds more like a dog's breakfast.

Brush-off

In a letter published in the March issue of Good Housekeeping Joan Bennett of Brighton expressed the wish that she could fly to Milan regularly to have her hair done. She has now received a letter from M. J. B. Cox, director of Fitzherbert's Hair Artists, her usual stylists, saying that if she admires the Milan hairdressing salons so much, he suggests she patronize those establishments "whose employees may enjoy dealing with you more than do."

Dingos are innocent, OK? Not only has Lindy Chamberlain's appeal been refused in Australia, but Patrick Stone Cutting writes to say that the animal which bit him in Australia (Diary April 12) was not a dingo but a domestic terrier. Nor did it get him in the outbreak, leaving a ten-inch scar, but in Todd Street, Alice Springs, nipping his shin. Cutting thinks we ought to get this right, for the sake of the Northern Territory's tourist trade.



The countryside debate: conservation v subsidized surpluses

Must the taxpayer be milked?

Send the farmer back to market

The main purpose of taking money away from the taxpayer and giving it to the farmer was, we were told when the system began in 1947, to keep people employed on the land. Since then, two things have happened: the number of farmers and farm workers has more than halved and the burden on the taxpayer of supporting those who survived has about doubled in real terms.

As the number of farmers declines, and the cost of supporting them mounts, it seems painfully obvious that the system is not working. On top of that, the steady transformation of our countryside, making ever larger parts of our rural counties look like Manitoba or Indiana, is beginning to make the taxpayer wonder whether he is getting value for his millions.

As for the consumer, he now seems to be eating as expensively as anyone in the world. It comes as rather a shock, for example, to sit down in a restaurant in New York and find the prices so much lower than in London. Yet farmers have been the saddest casualties. Most of the half who have been forced out have been small livestock farmers who were never a burden on the taxpayer.

A political decision has been made that we should grow ever more wheat and other cereals, when both our soil and our climate make it impossible to grow them as

cheaply and efficiently as other countries.

Last week I was in the United States and flew over some of the 83 million acres now being "set aside". It is an area twice the size of the UK's total farmland, and all of it is ood to lie fallow. Yet the soil and the climate is almost perfect for the growing of wheat, maize and other grains, at about half the cost here.

The British consumer (including the dairy farmer and the pig and poultry producer) has not indicated a refusal to buy this grain. Instead, a political decision has been made to tax it so heavily, when it enters a British port, that only a limited quantity comes in.

Further support is given to the arable farmer in the form of an export subsidy. As our wheat costs nearly twice as much to produce as that in the United States, the subsidy has to be almost as much as the world price itself. Sixteen per cent of our wheat has been exported this winter as a result that we are now running into a shortage, despite last year's record harvest. It means that this week our livestock producers are being told that the price of animal feed will have to go up yet again.

This political control over our food market ill serves the farmer, as it does the consumer and taxpayer. One remedy is at hand: to set up a royal commission, comprising some of the clearest brains in the country and farmers' representatives, and invite them to consider whether the subsidy has to be entrusted to the money to support agriculture, and if so, how that support should be given.

The conclusion might well be that the present system should be dismantled altogether, that the consumer should be allowed to buy the food of first choice, and the only reason why the public should be coerced into paying money to farmers is to protect and conserve the countryside. The latter task could then be entrusted to the Department of the Environment, which would do the opposite to what the Ministry of Agriculture has been doing for nearly 40 years.

Richard Body

The author is Conservative MP for Holland with Boston.

Wanted: a better spread of money

The inequities of the "voluntary" system of wild life conservation introduced by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - in reality a system of expensive bribes to try to persuade a few lucky farmers to protect a small number of select sites - could be ended by extending the system we use to control anti-social developments in urban areas.

Planning controls, with no compensation if developments are prevented in the public interest, should be extended to cover major agricultural and forestry developments. But we will still be left with the present crazy system where tiny amounts of taxpayers' money available for conservation are pitted against the huge sums taxpayers are also providing for agriculture.

One answer to this would be simply to stop providing subsidies or support for farming, leaving us free to import food on world markets, and allowing market forces to determine the price our own farmers receive for their produce. The result would be disastrous for British agriculture, and for the British countryside. We are now so far down the road of capital intensive, industrial farming that only the biggest and richest farmers would survive.

In the uplands agriculture would more or less come to an end, and the lowlands would be dominated by a few huge agri-businesses. The few what consumers (of the Labour Party) want. We need more people working in the countryside, to care for it and revitalize the rural economy.

The answer is to maintain the existing level of public support for agriculture, but to spend the money very differently. How this could be done is detailed in a report by Clive Potter, Investing in Rural Harmony, available from the World Wildlife Fund.

Briefly, an alternative system of agricultural support would aim to continue support for food production on land already intensively farmed, but a number of new objectives would be added. Support

would be used to create new jobs, to encourage traditional farming in areas where this is important for wildlife or the landscape, to give more help to small, poor and part-time farmers, and less to the big and rich.

Instead of promoting policies diametrically opposed to conservation, agricultural support would promote a reasonable level of food production, while integrating conservation into the day-to-day management of every farm.

Money would be saved by spending far less on grants for capital investment - investment in land improvement is the source of much of the present conflict in the countryside. Some capital expenditure - subject to much more rigorous scrutiny - would continue to be grant-aided, for example improvements in drainage for land already intensively farmed.

The system of farm development plans - already in use - should be extended to include a much broader view of the type of development qualifying for support, to include support for conservation on the farm, and to include a much wider range of farms.

Current efforts to reduce the price of cereals relative to livestock would continue, but overall, price support should play a less significant role, with more farmers being influenced by a more finely-tuned grant-aid system. Controls on the level of production of some products could be extended.

Finally, the system of headage payments on livestock should be modified, and extended. The modifications would include an upper limit on payments - our current open-ended payments are encouraging false economies of scale and thereby the destruction of small farms, particularly in the uplands. Conditions on stocking densities are also needed.

The public will not continue to agree to pour huge sums of money into farming simply to produce ever greater surpluses. If agriculture is to continue to receive the same level of support from the taxpayers as it has in the past, the objectives on which the money is spent must be radically changed.

Peter Melchett

Lord Melchett farms in Norfolk, chairs the Socialist Countryside Group and is President of the Ramblers Association.

The authors are taking part in a day of debate on the future of the countryside at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, today

Bernard Levin: the way we live now A passionate insight into the master's mind

There is an ancient Chinese proverb which runs "If the very leaders of the world are going to get in on the act, what will be left for the poor columnists?" For I, too, have been to Alfred Brendel's series of seven recitals at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, and I, too, have something to say on the subject. Let us see whether there is enough to go round; somehow, I rather think there will be.

When Brendel played all the Beethoven sonatas last, in 1977, it was an experience that far transcended its qualities as interpretation or even as music; the 32 sonatas comprise an exploration of art and its function so wide, deep and complex that it is almost impossible to believe that it is not a single, comprehensive statement composed in one sustained burst of unimaginably fierce creative energy.

The feeling that the 32 formed a coherent and consciously interconnected whole was derived from Brendel's playing, which built the whole series into just such a statement; each sonata, though true to itself, took its place in the complex family tree of Beethoven's keyboard works. And now Brendel has done it again; the series has just finished.

Note first the venue; the Queen Elizabeth Hall has been packed to its hideous concrete walls for every programme, and on arrival each time I have found an immense queue on the stairs praying fervently for somebody's Aunt Mabel to break a leg on the way to Waterloo. Has Brendel an antipathy to giving a recital in the Festival Hall? I beg him, when he does it again, to move to the house next door, for it seems almost wicked to deprive so few than 2,000 people of so huge and uplifting an experience. And those who are by no means too strong for the truth about the series is that it was even better than the cycle he gave in 1977, of which I wrote that...

principles, and everywhere there is a suggestion of surprise in the playing; so that's what Beethoven meant - which has made me feel that player and audience were sharing a series of discoveries.

I would not unsway a word of that, but I feel that the emphasis has shifted. Now, the chief impression left by every one of the programmes takes the form of a conviction of absolute authenticity.

This is not just a negative matter, an absence, say, of excessive rubato, of dynamic markings exaggerated or ignored for effect, of grandiose or flamboyant gestures. Brendel's authenticity is of a different order, and it is significant, in this connection, that he is a fanatical pursuer of the Urtext; he will never take the word of Brendel and Elwell if he can find a photocopy of the manuscript, and I imagine that he wouldn't take the word of the photocopy if he could lay his hands on the manuscript itself.

That is just the beginning, for authenticity is much more than finding what notes the composer wished the performer to play and then playing them. Yet as soon as we leave that safe, literal ground we are in trouble, for who can say how Beethoven wanted his music to sound? (I have heard a record of his keyboard music played on his own piano, but unfortunately it wasn't being played by him.) And even if Beethoven had given detailed instructions for the interpretation of his work, only a doll would be so mechanical as to follow them and go following them, for it is inconceivable that any composer, with the possible exception of Max Regar, would believe that a work once written is fixed for ever like a fly in amber, and that any subsequent deviation from the canonical reading is heresy; a true artist realizes, if only because he has experienced it in the case of works by others, that his art is not static but dynamic, and that it changes, despite the fact that it was created long before, as time goes by and feelings shift.

So it has been throughout; he even played Fa Elise as an encore one night, with not a soul in the hall but had heard it murdered a thousand times by the neighbours' daughter, and in consequence most wholeheartedly wished it dead and buried, along with the daughter. I tell you Brendel played it with as much fresh beauty and tenderness as

In other words, there is an infinity of authenticities in the Beethoven sonatas (yet another definition of art, it occurs to me); but that did not stop Brendel's versions, over these seven enchanted evenings, sounding as though they had sprung fully armed from the composer's ooble brow.

Take the Hammerklavier, a test in which no pianist can hope to bluff his way to success. It is almost as far beyond any previous piano sonata, including Beethoven's own (it is his 29th) as the last quartets are ahead of anything earlier in the same genre. The colossal last movement is one of the wildest pieces of music in history; though we smile now at the scoundrel caused by the first movement of the Eroica, we have still hardly caught up with the monster figure ("figure with some licences") that ends the work. It must sound as though it is about to fly apart like the atom being split, though it must not sound like the musical equivalent of action painting. Well, with Brendel, every bar of it sounds perfectly logical, controlled, marshalled like a squad of infantry, and yet more dangerously explosive and exciting than a cavalry charge.

Take another test, possibly even harder; Op 27 no. 2. Playing the Moonlight is the pianist's equivalent of an actor speaking "To be or not to be"; the entire audience can sing along, so how can it be made to sound unworn without introducing eccentricity? In Brendel's case, by lavishing on every phrase such intensity of feeling that we are simply unable to hear the familiarity; it is as though a man struck dumb 20 years before has suddenly recovered the power of speech.

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Brendel: creating an impression of absolute authenticity

he brought to the Appassionata itself. All the way through we have been transfixed not by the performer's art but by the composer's - the last test, and the most searching of all, Brendel vanishes behind the music; it is almost true to say that if you shut your eyes you miss nothing. What you gain is a journey, in Brendel's company, through Beethoven's genius, a journey of 32 miles on each of which is carved passion, understanding, joy, hope, confidence, beauty, power, together with suffering and darkness, and, at the last, a serenity which is not of this world, but which Beethoven has been trusted to bring down to us from his own Sinai of despair defeated.

The series finished on Wednesday, it ended, fittingly, with Beethoven's last sonata, the Op. 111. As that final, infinite chord died away, there was a long, rapt silence before the applause began; we all felt, as Brendel does, that after the Op. 111 there is nothing more to say (it was the only one of the recitals at which he played an encore). But when the applause did begin it was heartfelt and prolonged; Beethoven's ultimate triumph, commended itself to us with such force and urgency because of the way in which Alfred Brendel played the work. I was one of some 1,100 people in the hall; I hope none of the others will think me presumptuous if I say that I am speaking for us all when I say to the pianist: thank you.

Michael Binyon

Swapping bouquets of barbed wire across the border

It is not a pleasant experience crossing the East German border. In my case the customs official was apparently friendly. But his banter became increasingly pointed: where had I spent the day in East Berlin and with whom? Had I been to the GDR before, known anyone there already? Names please, and addresses. And then I was beckoned into a small room and asked to turn out my pockets and my wallet. What were these papers, was this money accounted for?

The tone was correct but intimidating. I felt menaced by unspoken threats, by suggestions of undefined guilt, and when everything was eventually given back and I was politely wished goodbye, I found I was trembling.

For West Germans the experience is often far worse. Travellers to West Berlin, people visiting relatives, are tolerated but not welcome in East Germany, and the brusque, often rough manner of the border officials, and the lengthy formalities are intended to make this clear. Many people find the atmosphere oppressive, and those who indeed transgress the complex regulations, deliberately or unintentionally, experience a sudden rush of fear.

For two West Germans this has recently had fatal consequences, and their heart attacks have had far-reaching effects. The chain reaction, started by the curious case of Herr Rudolf Burkert's mysterious head injuries, led to loudly trumpeted charges of murder by Herr Franz Josef Strauss and his conservative admirers, which in turn provoked a furious counter-reaction from East Berlin, culminating in the abrupt cancellation of a planned visit by Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader.

In the space of two weeks the delicate web of relationships linking the two countries, 10 years of patient cultivation of grudging trust, has been torn to pieces. The hardeners on both sides of the border have won a sudden and unexpected victory.

Chancellor Kohl must be furious. He believes strongly in keeping the dialogue alive, in the continuity of the "special relationship" that was beginning to grow up across the East-West divide and survived even the change of government in Bonn. But events moved too quickly for him. His old rival, Herr Strauss, still smarting from his worsting in the coalition negotiations, saw his chance and ran with it. The festering antagonism between the Christian Social Union and the Free Democrats broke out into the open, and the Honecker visit became the focal point of a public slanging match. Dr Kohl's avuncular calls on everyone to calm down were drowned in the din.

Are we back in a new ice-age? Will East Germany again become the forbidden land, the self-isolated enemy of the capitalist West, rebuffing all attempts at closer links, at more widespread human contacts? Already there are fears that the

1971 transit agreement on access to West Berlin may come under strain, that hopes of a reduction in the compulsory sum western visitors have to exchange on entry will be dashed, that progress in talks on joint environmental protection measures and a possible cultural treaty will be stalled. The inter-German détente that survived Afghanistan and - with more difficulty - Poland appears to have foundered on its enemies' rhetoric, on the opportunistic exploitation of two heart attacks.

In fact the outlook is not quite so gloomy. A return by Bonn to the old policies of all or nothing, to the demands of German unity and free elections in the East, is out of the question. There may be a diplomatic shift, some sharp and timely words to East Berlin about easing restrictions on human contact if it still wants the vast financial aid it is now getting. But the Basic Treaty with the GDR remains the framework for relations. And most people have realized that the cherished aim of improving the lot of fellow Germans "over there" can be achieved only in an atmosphere in which the East does not again feel threatened morally, politically, ideologically and economically - by its powerful western neighbour.

On the eastern side, dependence on the West to maintain living standards, especially at a time of economic crisis in all Eastern Europe, is now so great that East Berlin cannot afford to break off contacts and contracts. It has also come to see itself in an all-German

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context: not politically, of course, but culturally and spiritually. Ordinary people feel part of the western world by proxy. They take part vicariously in the debates and social currents sweeping West Germany. And the leaders have concluded that it is not possible to consolidate the East German state - always a principal aim - on a basis of opposition to West Germany.

East Germany has long given high priority to stability between the two states. It has been drawn willy-nilly into the process of "coming together", which has perhaps had to replace the unrealizable dream of German unity. Herr Honecker probably knew that a visit here at this stage would set back rather than advance the cautious rapprochement he is clearly anxious to continue. And when time and face will allow, both sides will quietly pick up the pieces from this week's debacle.

Gillian Tindall

More than just a right to die

Two years ago, when the sensational Exit trial was pending and the Voluntary Euthanasia Society was in disarray, the police raided the society's office, seized copies of its booklet, A Guide to Self-Deliverance, and arrested - briefly, and with embarrassment - its then chairman, Lord Beaumont.

The society was told that it would be prosecuted if it continued to distribute the booklet; it continued unimpaired - though, as always, only by mail order to bona fide members aged at least 25.

It is an indication of the haze of uncertainty surrounding the whole concept of "aiding and abetting suicide" that in fact no prosecution followed; an injunction was threatened but that was not implemented either, and finally the Attorney General settled for a simple declaration of the matter in the civil courts. This was heard last week, but turned out to be a further milestone in the saga of unworking the judge. Mr Justice Woolf, gave a judgment which was seemingly favourable to the VES cause, but pronounced himself unable to grant a declaration without further discussion.

The question remains unanswered, but will not cease to be asked: where exactly does the concerned third party stand, legally, in relation to what one of last week's counsel called "the sovereign, unalienable and absolute right to die"?

Much of last week's inconclusive argument hinged on whether or not the dissemination of general knowledge and advice about methods of suicide constitutes the aiding and abetting of an individual, which the law has traditionally punished. Less attention was paid to what some observers have felt to be a more fundamental question - namely, whether one can logically be said criminally to abet an act which is not in itself a crime.

The concept of Euthanasia as a felony was a hangover from Ecclesiastical law. Its repeal in 1961 was, controversially, no one any longer wished to punish the failed suicide, any more than they wished to bury the successful in unconsecrated ground with a stake through the heart. The consequences of removing the crime from the statute books but retaining the surrounding legislation do not seem then to have been envisaged. It is significant of the ad hoc nature of British law that, in Scotland, where suicide was not a felony anyway, the abetting section did not and does

not exist, and therefore it has been possible to publish the booklet north of the border without fear of trouble.

Life and death are issues notoriously unamenable to parochial legislation. Effectively, countries cannot make their own rules without reference to neighbouring countries: an arbitrary prohibition (anti-abortion law, for example) simply sends the determined on short trips elsewhere.

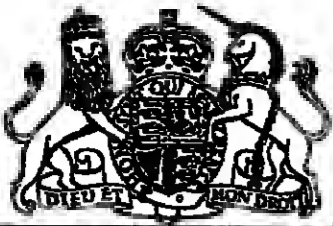
Britain is not the only country where the whole topic of self-determination at life's end is up for debate. In Roman Catholic France a book called Suicide: Mode d'Emploi is on open sale to anyone, and contains a how-to-do-it chapter largely plagiarized from the VES guide. More than 100,000 copies have been sold. Despite some frantic allegations by individuals, there is no evidence that the suicide rate has risen sharply in consequence, and no sign of a state attempt at intervention.

Similar literature is on sale in Holland, West Germany, Switzerland and in some states in America. From America in March came the report of a presidential commission on medical ethics which had been sitting for two years; its main conclusions leaned heavily in the direction of patients' own decisions being respected, "even when they lead to earlier death", and envisaged the possibility of some decisions being taken in principle and in advance.

The idea that the continuation or termination of life is an individual's own business and not a matter of public morality is now widely accepted; it is the practice that is proving difficult to implement.

What we are seeing is, I would submit, not a debate about suicide at all. That takes place in the privacy of the heart. Last week's case was about the freedom of knowledge. Experience in other fields has shown that you cannot, with the best intentions in the world, prevent people from gaining access to common sense information if that is what they want.

Behind the VES pressure lies a passionate desire not for death but for independence, for honesty, for not being pushed about to gratify other people's moral sensibilities. Whatever you may think of some of the possible long-term results of this demand, it is hard to deny that the impulse behind it is a healthy one.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE April 29: Princess Alexandra today visited West Sussex to open the new Control Room at Fire Brigade Headquarters, Chichester and the Mothers' Unit of Concern for Life at St. Richard's District General Hospital.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. Copping and Miss D. Saunders The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Copping, of Claydon, Bradford, and Diane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. M. Saunders, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

The Prince of Wales, Liverpool, will attend a dinner of the Fishmongers' Company at Fishmongers' Hall on May 11. The Prince of Wales will attend the launch of the Conservation and Development Programme for the United Kingdom at Log Hall, London University on June 8.

Major M. H. M. C. Perrett and Miss R. L. Hazledine The engagement is announced between Michael Perrett, 17th/21st Lancers, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. T. Perrett, of Peasocks, Loxwood, West Sussex, and Rosemary, daughter of Mrs Marion Hazledine and the late Lieutenant Colonel Rudolf Hazledine, OBE, of Beaulieu-on-Sea, Sussex.

Arthur Burrell Christianity in public life

"The corridors of parliaments and international conferences, often seem like spiritual deserts." So writes Charles Piguet and Michel Sentes, co-authors of a recently published book, The World at the Turning. One is a Swiss Protestant and the other a French Catholic. Their aim is to provide evidence "that the world always alters for the better when individuals change for the better".

included the commission of many crimes. Gibbon stated that "he seated Christianity on the throne of the Roman world". He has certainly left a legacy, which has lingered for centuries, of people becoming church members by virtue of their citizenship rather than their personal beliefs.

OBITUARY LORD REDMAYNE Role in choosing successor to Macmillan

The Rt Hon Lord Redmayne, PC, DSO, who as Mr Martin Redmayne was the Conservative Government's Chief Whip in the House of Commons from 1959 to 1964, and who sat in the Commons for the Ruschcliffe division of Nottinghamshire from 1950 to 1966, died on April 28 at the age of 72.

Reception

British Philippine Society The British Philippine Society held its general meeting at the Philippine Embassy yesterday. The Philippine Ambassador, President of the society, and Mr R. Garton, chairman, were hosts at a reception held afterwards.

Dinners

Festning Railway Company Mr John Routly, chairman, gave a dinner last night at Bwlych y Fedwen, Penarth, Glamorgan, for the Speaker of the House of Commons, on the eve of the opening by him of the new Blaenau Ffestiog Station.

Old Rydalian Club

The Chester dinner of the Old Rydalian Club was held at the Queen Hotel, Chester, last night. Mr P. W. Rigg, president, was in the chair and other speakers were Mr H. G. Searle, Mr J. R. Willis and Mr P. Watkinson, Headmaster of Rydal School.

Himalayan Club

The annual reunion dinner of the Himalayan Club was held at the Oriental Club last night. The principal guests were Lieutenant Colonel Henry Day and Professor Noel Odell. Mr Robert Pettigrew presided.

Scriveners' Company

A dinner for the livery of the Scriveners' Company was held at Painters' Hall yesterday. The Master, Mr John F. Phillips, presided, assisted by the Upper Warden, Mr R. A. D. Urquhart, and the Lower Warden, Mr C. J. Mallin.

Memorial service

Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Gairdner The High Commissioner for Australia was represented by Major-General A. Clunies-Ross at a memorial service for Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Gairdner held in the chapel of the Royal Hospital Chelsea yesterday. The Right V. J. Pike officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. D. Bartlett. The lessons were read by Brigadier C. B. Harvey and an address was given by Major-General Sir Douglas Kendrew.

Mr A. Hamilton, QC, were the speakers. The guests were Mr Justice McNeill and the Masters of the Apothecaries' Society and the Solicitors' Company.

Service dinners

1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards The annual regimental dinner of 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards took place at the Cavalry and Guards Club last night. Major-General D. H. G. Rice, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards Prince Philippe of the Belgians attended the annual dinner of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards at 30 Pavilion Road, SW1, last night. Brigadier Ailann Finlay presided.

London and Kent Artillery The London and Kent Artillery held a guest night at the Inns of Court Mess, Lincoln's Inn, yesterday. Colonel D. J. McLelland presided.

Birthdays

TODAY: Professor G. E. Ayler, 57; Mr Dickie Davies, 50; Lord Diamond, 76; Dame Isabel Graham Bryce, 81; Mr W. R. Henry, 68; Lord McIntosh of Haringey, 50; Mr L. Paul, 78; Lord Pearl, 69; Lord St. Brides, 67; Sir Frank Turnbull, 78; Mr Peter Willis, 70.

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St Marylebone Parish Church

A special Choral Eucharist to commemorate the removal to Brookwood, Surrey of the mortal remains of those buried in the crypt (1817-1830) will be held at St Marylebone Parish Church on Monday, May 9, 1983, at 7 pm. The celebrant will be Bishop Morris Madocks and the preacher the Rev. Dr Martin Isaacs. The Eucharist will include the dedication of the crypt as a Christian Healing Centre.

Judge retires

Judge Hughes retires today from the Circuit bench on the South-eastern Circuit.

Sale room

Record price for Studio vase

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

A large stoneware vase, standing more than two feet high, and made around 1960 by Hans Coper secured the highest auction price on record for studio pottery at £10,450 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000) at Sotheby's yesterday.

Coper made few pieces as large as this, and the result is an object of striking sculptural quality. The sale demonstrated generally the Coper cult in healthy form, with new adherents joining the small but devoted band of his moneyed admirers. The more easily available smaller pots, around 10 inches high, were being sold by Coper himself for around £50 to £70 10 years ago.

Yesterday a black stoneware vase with a globular body of around 1970 made £1,760 (estimate £900 to £1,200) and one of the late 1960s with a discus body supported by a cylindrical foot £1,650 (estimate £900 to £1,200).

The market in very modern pottery is a new one and supported by a limited number of collectors, which can lead to sticky periods. Yesterday, however, was a good day all round with several new collectors joining the band, some

Marriage

Mr S. T. A. Dodd-Noble and Miss C. A. Botting The marriage took place at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, yesterday of Mr Tom Dodd-Noble, son of Mr Adrian Dodd-Noble and the late Lady Elizabeth Dodd-Noble, of Keadyville, Allendale, Northumberland, and Miss Carolyn Botting, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Botting, of Westwold, Surrey. The Rev. A. C. Courtauld officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of tulle and tulle with a train over apricot silk. Her veil of cream net embroidered with seed pearls was held in place by a headdress of cream orbids and ivy and she carried a bouquet of cream orbids and freesia and pink roses, lilies-of-the-valley and hyacinth pips. Thomas Dilling, Mark Sherman Eliza Randolph, Charlotte Botting, Victoria Gaston and Cara Boyle attended her and Mr Patrick Dodd-Noble, brother of the bridegroom.

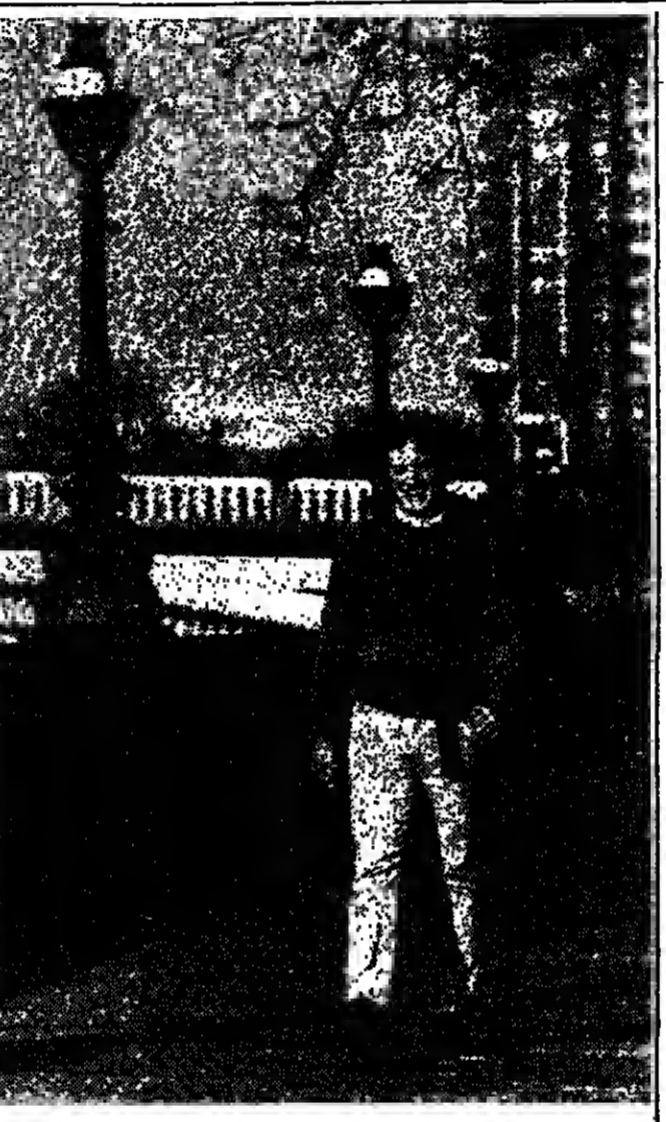
A reception was held at the Turf Club and the honeymoon will be spent in Italy.

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Mr Louis Jebb, great grandson of Hilaire Belloc, setting out from London yesterday to retrace part of Belloc's journey on which he based his book, The Path to Rome. Mr Jebb, who expects to arrive in the Italian capital at the end of June, is raising money for the modernization of the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth in St John's Wood, London. (Photograph: John Voos).

Farm research plea

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The Government should increase spending on agricultural research to help increase world food production, the Institution of Professional Civil Servants says. A report by the institution's agricultural research and development committee states that it is in Britain's interest to see the abolition of hunger and greater conservation of non-renewable resources. But that can be achieved only by an expansion of publicly funded research and development into agriculture fisheries and food.

Services tomorrow: Fourth Sunday after Easter

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Navy entries

Royal Navy The following candidates entered Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, this week:

Direct graduate entry: Lieutenant (junior grade) Robert James (1st class), Royal Naval School of Artillery, HMS Gower, Devonport; Lieutenant (junior grade) Christopher John (1st class), Royal Naval School of Artillery, HMS Gower, Devonport; Lieutenant (junior grade) David (1st class), Royal Naval School of Artillery, HMS Gower, Devonport.

Latest wills

Mr Herbert Stanley Jones, of Llanfahan-Fechan, Powys, and Cardiff, shipowner, and former High Sheriff of Breconshire, left estate valued at £1,208,414 net. Beneficiaries include (net, before tax): Brauwel, Miss Winifred, of Durham, £209,601; Farnham-Smith, Mr Bernard Walter Richard, of Northrup, West Sussex, £257,555; Healey, Mr Stanley, of Westella, North Humberdale, £371,270; Hill, Miss Winifred Lockey, of Worthing, West Sussex, £249,325; Marley, Thomas, of Market Harborough, Leicestershire, £269,258; Ploswman, Miss Mary Gertrude, of Lewes, East Sussex, £265,149.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Christopher Horner, QC, to be a Circuit Judge on the South-eastern Circuit.

MR DAVID BLACK-HAWKINS

Mr C. D. Black-Hawkins, who died in South Africa on April 17 at the age of 67 was Headmaster of University College School, London, from 1956 to 1975. Educated at Wellington and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, he joined the staff at UCS as a teacher of modern languages in 1938, and, with the exception of the war years when he served in the Intelligence Corps, he was here for one of his unbroken years of devotion to one school.

As the conservative head of a liberal institution that had just experienced a radical overhaul, David Black-Hawkins provided a consolidating regime that was what the school required at that moment in its history. Not himself an innovator in educational matters he encouraged innovation in others, and his headmastership witnessed a head of success in traditional scholarship with the development of a broader curriculum and the growth of a wider range of activities than had previously existed.

His public granitas never concealed his warm humanity and genuine concern for others. It was coupled with a mastery of le mot juste and the telling anecdote that often left his audiences dissolved in helpless mirth and made him much in demand as an after-dinner speaker. In 1941 he married Ruth, daughter of H. C. Robinson-Miller who died in 1977. He is survived by a daughter and a son. Sir George Ogden, CBE, who died on April 12 at the age of 69, was Chief Executive of the Greater Manchester Metropolitan County Council from 1973 to 1976 and had been Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester in 1971. He had previously been Town Clerk of Leicester 1955-66 and of Manchester 1966-73. He was appointed deputy chairman of the Police Complaints Board in 1977. Rear-Admiral Talbot Lemson, CBE, DSC, who died on April 11 at the age of 74, was Vice Naval Deputy to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, from 1959 to 1962.

THE ARTS

Radio An impressive Capital gain

Whatever Capital plans to do to retain its present London contract is unlikely to become clear much before the new eight-year period opens in October. The same goes for the hopeful bidder, Metropolitan.

Thus in the parts of it that interest me, I cannot help noticing that after a very patchy 1982, Capital Playhouse has come back strongly with a new production every month - even if after one half of an encouraging start in January.

Now comes Robin Blake's new weekly series of six dramatized features, Tales of a City. Certainly, if the first programme (The Nun of Kilburn, April 24) is any guide, no one could object if Capital wants to hold this enterprise up in front of its assessors as an example both of good intentions and good performance.

The format was a familiar one for radio: nephew (a monk-historian) visits his elderly aunt in Kilburn Priory where she has resided these last 40 years and she tells him, the story of her life. However, all sorts of happy touches render this incomparably better than such an outline might suggest.

Thus the rather mild and isolated scream of the girl about to be lynched for murdering her child seemed quite inadequate. So did the visiting itinerant reapers, symbolic of so much sexual danger, the distant song that marked their progress through the village had all the menace of a well-intentioned male voice choir.

For a more solid sense of danger, tricked out with absurdity, let me refer you to Coast to Coast (Radio 4, Sundays) in which that persuasive broadcaster, Joseph Hoare, tells of his attempts to retrace the Zambezi way of the Congo River. The series of 10 talks has six to go; the first four were irresistible.

David Wade

Opera In the grip of Russian roulette

The Gambler Coliseum

The brakes are off, the clutch is out and the gears are racing wildly. Prokofiev finished his opera The Gambler just a month before the February Revolution of 1917, and in it produced a work as seething with improbabilities as Leninism, as tottering in imminent collapse as the Tsarist regime.

At first it seems we are in for a Classic Serial interpretation of the novel. But then at the end of the first act, Alexey's idiotic insult to a German baroness is hideously overplayed by the music and strikingly underlined.

The Taming of the Shrew Barbican

In a typically stimulating essay in the RSC's programme, Anne Barton builds a scheme for this play that represents Petruchio as "almost a model of intelligence and humanity" who, initially mercenary, breaks down Katherine's neurosis for her own good and finds that he has created a perfect lover and friend. I wish I could believe it.

Barry Kyle's production behaves as though it has proved Mrs Barton's case, but in fact has not. Alun Armstrong gives



Graham Clark, wide-eyed and gambling

Opera that the characters behave naturally until forced by the music to do otherwise. One might imagine the piece done with all the perversity of the German expressionist cinema, and though that might suit much of the music better than these stately casino scenes, it would miss the very Prokofiev-like twist of human beings stiffening into caricatures.

John Tomlinson as the General, a much more relaxed, accepting gambler than Alexey at the tables of fate, also takes full advantage of the move from realism into absurdity. His aplenty and dimness seem first

effectively as his wild-eyed craziness at the roulette table, and it is right that he should touch softness only when, with fluting inward-head voice, he loses himself in manic fantasy.

The development in Alexey from ironist to madman is facilitated by music which is so often at once satirically sharp-edged and utterly bizarre: not the least pleasure of the evening is that of hearing an unfamiliar and wholly remarkable score leap out of the pit under the excited but also purposeful direction of the young Romanian conductor, Christian Badea.

Paul Griffiths

Theatre A reach-me-down attitude

is a painfully conventional roaring-bo performance in a leather suit, with a little wit and much coarseness, but certainly no second thoughts until it is too late to make sense of the interpretation. Even in her opening scene, tormenting her hated pretty sister at a rope's end, Sioned Cusack shows the

along with it as a joke and the rest is plain sailing. The idea of Petruchio as humane humorist has been tried, but it does not fit here. The production just uses a bit of it to plaster the cracks between the initial brute and the sensitive lover at the end. With Jonathan Pryce's performance fresh in the memory, I wonder they dared. But that reach-me-down attitude is typical, with its stuperous and wasteful apparatus of funny costumes (Bob Crowley's elegance as a designer never deserts him, even when clothing a grotesquely overplayed Tranio in a gold suit and orange frilly blouse), bands wandering on and off, dango voices, anything-to-raise laughs

(which they do) behind which shallowness can take cover. Several jokes are Bogdanov hangovers, like Lucentio and Tranio getting caught with their pants down when exchanging costumes (can we have done with that one, finally?). Newcomers include the pool downstage into which Petruchio and Katherine sling each other after quite a nicely played scene. A director who sticks a swimming pool in the plank floor of an Elizabethan chamber must be desperate indeed. And Christe carols, following which never cry has said this was a winter comedy, alternate with summer hot enough for sunbathing.

Anthony Masters

Television Marrying across the divide

The File on Jill Hatch (BBC 2) began last night as if it were a documentary, with a policeman reporting on "political agitation among the ethnic minorities"; but when the scene changes to Bristol in the mid-1940s, we discover how that "agitation" can spring from the lives of two or three individuals. A young Englishwoman, Sheila Bennett, has fallen in love with Carl Hatch, a black GI. His white colleagues in the army do not care for the match, and refer to him as a "coon" or "nigger"; his black friends are suspicious of the relationship also. When people are afraid, they often affect distaste.

Although Sheila is warned by her father of the dangers involved - there were many American states with laws against miscegenation - she decides to marry Carl and sail to an unknown hut, for her, still exotic future in the United States. "I've never been anywhere," she says. The File on Jill Hatch has, you might say, everything: a straightforward

and sometimes brutal account of racial prejudice, as well as a nostalgic evocation of British life in the 1940s (cocoa tins and old comics), a combination of Roots and Boots. This is in fact an American-British co-production, with equal contributions from both sides. Fortunately, the joins do not show and the drama avoids that mid-Atlantic compromise which is as hard and as tasteless as aeroplane food. It is directed and played with a realism which is sturdy enough to support what is in some respects a simplistic story - although no doubt only a simplified version of what was, for some couples, the actual truth.

In tonight's and tomorrow's episodes, we shall see what happens to the mixed legacy of the Hatches' marriage, when their child grows up first in America and then in England. I suspect we shall be watching an honest account of our recent history.

Peter Ackroyd

WEEKEND CHOICE

Other television highlights: the first two programmes in BBC2's eight-part salute to Brahms (a "life" tonight, at 8.20, and four Israeli hands at the piano keyboard tomorrow night at 7.15); the Embassy snooker semi-finals (today, BBC1 and BBC2) and the start of the first (tomorrow) at regular intervals; and Chaplin's uncharacteristic A Woman of Paris (tomorrow, Channel 4, 2.30).

Radio highlights: Barbara Leigh Hunt's solo performance as the pathetically reactionary wife scolding the scarcely-cold corpse of her liberal husband in Nick Caistor's translation of Miguel Delibes's novel Five Hours with Maria (tomorrow, Radio 3, 7.45pm); and Byng at Large (tonight, Radio 3, 8.25); the first of Jeremy Irons's two readings from The Torrington Diaries, an account of the 1789 rural wanderings of the Hon John Byng, through whose misanthropic clouds the sun rarely breaks.

Peter Davalle

Queen's Bench Division

GLC wrong to usurp coroner's discretion

Regina v Inner North London Coroner, Ex parte Chambers; Regina v Inner North London Coroner, Ex parte Greater London Council and Another. Before Mr Justice Woolf. [Judgment delivered April 29]

Section 78 (3) of the London Government Act 1963 provided that the Greater London Council (GLC) might provide and maintain proper accommodation for the holding of inquests, was not intended to give the GLC power to interfere in a coroner's discretion under section 3 of the Coroners Act 1887 to specify the venue for an inquest.

Accordingly, while the GLC could provide or cease to provide accommodation for a particular inquest, it was an abuse of its power in the use of the section to override an inquest properly arranged at by a coroner as to the appropriate venue for the holding of an inquest.

Mr Justice Woolf so held in the Queen's Bench Division, granting an application for judicial review by Dr Douglas Robert Chambers, her Majesty's Coroner for Inner North London against the GLC's attempt to compel him to hold an inquest upon the death of a woman, Mrs Roach at Hackney Town Hall rather than at St Pancras Coroner's Court.

His Lordship dismissed cross applications by the GLC and the London Borough of Hackney.

Mr Raymond Kidwell, QC and Mr Robert Webb for the coroner; Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Philip Sapsford for the GLC and Mickey London Borough Council; Mrs Anesta West for the parents of the deceased; Mr R. R. Narayan and Mr Edmund Coffe for the Hackney Black People's Association; Mr John Marriage, QC and Mr David Stokes for the Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

MR JUSTICE WOOLF, delivering a reserved judgment, said that on January 12, 1983 at Stoke Newington Police Station, Colin Roach died of shotgun wounds. The coroner alleged that he shot himself in the mouth.

On January 13, the coroner for the area decided to hold an inquest which opened on January 18 for identification of the body and the making of a burial order. The inquest was due to be resumed at St Pancras Coroner's Court on April 18.

The death gave rise to considerable public interest. The deceased was black and relations between the black members of the community and the police in Hackney became very sensitive and demonstrations took place leading to disorder and some 90 arrests.

Magistrates' Court being made available for the holding of the inquest. On April 15, the GLC wrote to the coroner informing him that a decision had been taken by the chairman of the GLC's legal and social committee to provide accommodation for the holding of the inquest under section 78(3) of the London Government Act 1963. The committee determined that St Pancras Coroner's Court was not appropriate accommodation for the holding of the inquest and that accommodation at Hackney Town Hall would be proper; and that the accommodation provided for the inquest under section 78(3) should be the council chamber or the assembly hall of the town hall and not St Pancras Coroner's Court. The coroner was to be informed of the decision before the committee on April 19.

The coroner sat on April 18 and adjourned having heard an application for judicial review supported by the Hackney London Borough Council that the inquest should continue at the town hall. In addition, the coroner heard a submission by the Hackney Black People's Association that they should be treated as an interested party at the inquest and allowed legal representation. He had previously indicated that he was an interested party but on April 18 he indicated that representations should be made at the adjourned hearing.

On the following day the coroner was granted leave to apply for judicial review for declarations that he was entitled to conduct the inquest at St Pancras Coroner's Court. The Hackney Black People's Association had not satisfied him that it was a properly interested party within the Coroners Rules (SI 1953 No. 269) as amended by the Coroners (Amendment) Rules (SI 1980 No. 477).

On the same day the GLC committee passed a resolution pursuant to section 78(3) of the London Government Act 1963 endorsing the chairman's decision. The coroner indicated that he still intended to conduct the inquest at St Pancras and the GLC obtained leave to apply for prohibition preventing the coroner from sitting at the coroner's court and mandamus requiring him to conduct the inquest at the town hall.

The issues were: (1) Whether the coroner lawfully decided to hold the inquest at St Pancras Coroner's Court; (2) whether the GLC's representations made to him to conduct the inquest at the town hall; (3) whether the GLC's resolutions were lawful and whether the coroner was thereby required to conduct the inquest at the town hall and (3) whether the coroner was entitled to the declaration sought against the Hackney Black People's Association.

Counsel for the coroner took a restrictive view of the common law powers of the court to set aside decisions of a coroner. Counsel for the GLC took a more expansive view. The coroner sought relief by way of declaration, the court would only grant such relief if he would have been entitled to do so after an application to quash his decision

authorized by the Attorney General. The power of the High Court on an application made by or on the authority of the Attorney General was set out in section 6 of the Coroners Act 1887 in sufficiently wide terms to enable his Lordship to give full consideration to the first issue.

Where there was to be an inquest, section 3 of the Coroners Act 1887 required the coroner to issue his warrant for summoning the jury "to appear before him at a specified time and place". The only requirement of the Coroners Rules 1953 was that the inquest should be held in public. Therefore, putting aside the GLC's action under section 78(3) of the London Government Act 1963, it was entirely within the discretion of the coroner to fix the particular place for the holding of the inquest, provided that the place selected was within his jurisdiction.

That discretion had to be exercised judicially bearing in mind that the inquest was to be held in public and the purpose of the inquest, as made clear by rules 26 and 27 of the Coroners Rules 1953.

Estimates varied as to the number of people who could be accommodated at St Pancras Coroner's Court: between 50 and 60 excluding the coroner, his officers and legal representatives. The coroner indicated that 22 members of the press had been approved, and that about 18 seats were to be saved for the family. Only a few additional seats would be available. The coroner was therefore able to attend.

His Lordship would have been happier if more members of the public were able to attend but, even on the lower estimate of the number of seats available, the inquest would be conducted in public. The requirement to sit in public did not mean that everyone who wanted should be able to attend.

The coroner was entitled to come to the decision which he did and that decision was not unreasonable. The problems which could occur when large numbers of the public attended an inquest at which feelings ran high had been recently demonstrated and it was proper for the coroner not to want to run the risk of the situation which existed at the inquest. Regina v South London Coroner, Ex parte Thompson (The Times, July 9, 1982).

Given the choice which faced the coroner, his Lordship would have chosen the coroner's court. On the second issue, section 78(3) of the London Government Act 1963 provided that the GLC "may provide and maintain proper accommodation for the holding of inquests".

It was of no significance whether the GLC was under a duty or merely had discretion. A coroner held a duty or office of great antiquity and it was inconceivable that in a London Government Act it was proposed to give the GLC by a provision that gave power to interfere with the proper exercise of a coroner's discretion. Accordingly, the GLC was not entitled to require the coroner to conduct the inquest at Hackney Town Hall. The question remained whether the GLC properly exercised its function under section 78(3) in

Law Report April 30 1983

Ban on trafficking in 'Holly Hobbie'

In re American Greetings Corporation's Application. Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the High Court, and Justice Dillon and Sir Denis Buckley. [Judgment delivered April 28]

Trafficking, for the purposes of the Trade Marks Act 1938, meant disposing of a mark, or the reputation in the name, as of itself a marketable commodity, in circumstances where there was no trade connection between the proprietor of the mark and the goods or business in relation to which the mark was to be used. The court was not an integral part of the definition. The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the American Greetings Corporation against a decision of Mr Justice Wilford who dismissed their appeal against refusal by the Assistant Registrar of Trade Marks (Mr D. G. A. Myall), acting for the Registrar, of 12 applications by the appellants to register the name "Holly Hobbie" as a trade mark.

Section 28 of the Act provides: "(6) The Registrar shall refuse an application under... this section if it appears to him that the name thereof would tend to facilitate trafficking in a trade mark."

Mr Robin Jacob, QC, and Mr Michael Silverleaf for the appellants; Mr Gerald Patterson for the Registrar.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON, in a reserved judgment, said that the appeal raised an issue of trade mark law which was of considerable general importance and now presented. The appellants were an American company based in Cleveland, Ohio, who had for many years carried on business as designers and producers of greeting cards.

In 1967 one of their designers produced a drawing of a little girl in a patchwork pinafore and billowy bonnet to whom they gave the name of "Holly Hobbie". The drawing and the name had proved remarkably popular with the American public. They had been used extensively by the appellants on or in relation to their greetings cards and other goods in a relatively small range which the appellants themselves manufactured or had manufactured for them.

It was on 12th April 1978 that the appellants were approached by the Registrar to register the name "Holly Hobbie" in respect of those goods, but the 12 applications with which the appeal was concerned were not in respect of such goods.

The activity known as character merchandising had for many years been common in America and known, if less common, in this country. A person who had a popular fictional character in explicit form, for instance, a fictional character from a film or television series or book or drawing, did so by granting licences to use the character, its name, and other relevant copyright material, usually on a royalty basis, to licensees who wished to promote their own goods in association with those goods. The appellants were approached by manufacturers in the fashion trade who wanted to use "Holly Hobbie" on their products, and so the appellants entered into an agreement with those goods. The appellants were approached by manufacturers in the fashion trade who wanted to use "Holly Hobbie" on their products, and so the appellants entered into an agreement with those goods.

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In particular, the licensees undertook to use the mark only so long as the goods were manufactured to high quality standards, to become unwilling to pay for licences to associate their goods with the name.

The position could be illustrated by taking in vain the name of very well-known manufacturers, who no doubt in fact had no thought of such conduct.

If Rolls-Royce decided to market the well-known Rolls-Royce badge of quality by granting licences for money to use the mark to a wide range of independent manufacturers of, for example, lawn mowers, motor boats, wrist watches, bicycles, transistors and other equipment, that would plainly, in his Lordship's judgment, be trafficking in the mark, and might well lead to the confusion of the public which Lord Loreburn had feared.

It would not be any less trafficking and impermissible under section 28(6) if each licensee agreement included quality control provisions to ensure that the licensed products were not shoddy goods of their kind.

It might well be that character marketing did not involve any deception of the public. People who saw the figure of Mickey Mouse on a T-shirt or a box of biscuits would not assume that Walt Disney Productions had gone into the clothing and food trades. Equally people who saw "Holly Hobbie" on a toy would not be led to buy it because the appellants sold good greetings cards; the expertise was different.

But the risk of deception was not an integral part of the definition of trafficking in a trade mark. The appellants would define as disposing of the mark, or the reputation in the name, as of itself a marketable commodity in circumstances where there was no trade connection between the proprietor of the mark and the goods or business in relation to which the mark would be used, was objectionable. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal. The Master of the Rolls and Sir Denis Buckley agreed. Solicitors: Slaughter & May, Treasury Solicitor.

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before the judgment was concluded. His Lordship was not concerned with whether the allegation was true but he wished to say, with the authority of the Lord Chief Justice, that if a judge, to assist a law reporter or other reporter, made copies of his judgment available, it was clearly wrong that any part of it should be reported until after the judge completed giving judgment.

Over recent years a more relaxed practice had developed with regard to making copies available to reporters, but, clearly, if that assistance was abused as alleged in the present case, that practice would not be able to continue and courts would have to adopt a much more restricted attitude.

Solicitors: Le Brasseur & Bury; Mr R. A. Lambson; Mr F. H. Byrnes; Mr B. Birnberg & Co; Maxwell & Gouldman; Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Doubt on Bellair's success

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, April 25. Dealings end, May 6. Contango Day, May 8. Settlement Day, May 15.

The sweet smell of success is turning a little sour for Mr Arthur Hill and the rest of his colleagues at Bellair Cosmetics...

Wasson is owned by two Turkish businessmen, Mr Mehmet Tecimer and Mr Haleo Ackay and Mr Hill's own private company Fentoo Hill has agreed to sell them its 76 per cent controlling interest...

Yesterday, the board of Bellair announced its concern at the sharp rise in the share price, which they say is unjustified.

Sources close to Bellair say a meeting between the company and Wasson is expected in the near future. Last night, the shares closed at 195p, valuing Bellair at £5m, way above the 17p the shares were traded at earlier this year.

Shares of Halsey Hughes, the central heating and plumbing group, put up a steady performance yesterday, closing unchanged at 575p, despite a large seller of 250,000 shares just below the market price.

The rest of the equity market spent a quiet session with investors unwinding positions ahead of the bank holiday weekend. The FT Index ended the day 1.5 lower at 6953.3.

Gilts recovered early falls of up to 2½ to close all square on the day, as sterling rose 0.05 cents higher on the foreign exchange at \$1.5600. Only the index-linked stocks remained

dull with falls of ½, reflecting yesterday's new issue £1,000m of index-linked convertible stock.

Among the insurance companies broker James Capel underlined its recent bearish stance on Commercial Union when it sold 5 million shares cum-dividend at 165p. The shares ended the day 2p lower at 156p.

After Thursday's better-than-expected first quarter figures showing pre-tax profits up from £62m to £128m shares of ICI encountered profits taking. The absence of overnight US support for the shares saw jobbers mark the shares easier touching 468p at one stage, before closing

at 472p - a net fall on the day of 4p. Selective support benefited Glaxo 10p higher at 885p, but Hawer Siddeley lost 4p to 390p. On the bid front Softley Parke Bernet ended the day 5p

Higher Inter-City Investments has come in for a lot of option activity this week with more than 150,000 shares written for the call at 7p. Full-year figures are expected shortly and it is hoped may show a return to profits after two years of losses. The shares closed unchanged at 37p yesterday.

The Swiss group Mountain Investments owns 7.5 per cent. higher at 510p, after 520, amid reports that the firm's dealer, has requested its brokers to buy the shares in the market. The venture is thought to have met only minimal success. General Fel Industries has made a £60m bid for the company

which has been vehemently contested. Still reflecting the disappointing reception given to the launch of Telestar on Wall St this week, shares of Exco International, which owns 57 per cent of the share, lost another 25p to 633p.

The board of Percy Bilton says it strongly disputes many of the assertions put forward by Trust Securities in its bid document this week and again urge shareholders to reject the £104m bid. Shares of Percy Bilton ended the day 2p lower at 280p.

This week's newcomer, Octopus Publishing, recovered from its disappointing debut with the shares rallying 14p to 272p compared with a minimum tender price of 273p. In breweries, Bass encountered profit taking after Thursday's strong run, closing 2p lower at 320p, while bid speculation added another 10p to Scottish & Newcastle at 90p before closing unchanged at 89p. But Grand Metropolitan, the Watneys and Trumans brewery group, was a weak spot, losing 7p to 347p.

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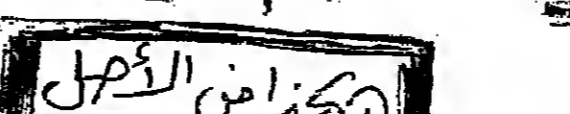
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Tennis serves it up, snooker makes pots out of it and now the oldest strategic game of them all has formed its own Grand Prix.

Shirley Caftano reports on this and the battle for the world

Masters of chess

Raymond Chandler described it as the greatest waste of human intelligence outside an advertising agency. Many of Britain's growing number of chess players would cheerfully endorse that assessment of their favourite pastime. For some, though, the growth of chess as a sport and the rewards brought by increased sponsorship can make it seem an attractive investment of mental energy. Of the three or four million in this country who enjoy an occasional game of chess, some 40,000 take it seriously enough to sacrifice frequent evenings to club and league matches. Ten thousand of these form the hard core of dedicated chess addicts who may be seen participating on the circuit of weekend

tournaments known as the Leigh Grand Prix. A single tournament chess game represents about four hours of intense concentration. In many respects the experience may be likened to that of sitting an examination of the same length. A weekend tournament usually comprises six such examinations, crammed into less than 48 hours. A typical schedule begins with one game on the Friday evening, followed by three rounds on the Saturday in an orgy of almost continuous play lasting from breakfast time until midnight. Then up again on Sunday morning for another two blasty-eyed battles. There can hardly be a more exhausting way to spend a weekend, yet so popular are

such events that there are now more than 200 weekend tournaments each year at different locations throughout the country. The atmosphere is strained but friendly, despite the intense level of competition and often cramped playing conditions. Chessboards are lined up on trestle tables, under which contestants jostle for leg room. The only sounds are the ticking of chess clocks, reminding players that they have only a limited time in which to execute their moves, and the susurrations of shuffling chessmen as whispered analysis diagnoses the causes of defeat in already finished games. Occasionally the tension produces a harsher plea for silence from one whose game is still in progress.

The rigorous schedule is a test of stamina as well as chess skill and may explain why chess has become very much a young man's game. Anyone over the age of 30 is liable to be described as a veteran in the chess press. Beyond that, it is difficult to characterize the typical weekend chess warrior. They are predominantly middle-class, university educated and male. Although the growing popularity of chess seems to be quickly eroding the class and education barriers, the sexual stereotype is more firmly entrenched. 'Nobody is quite sure why the best female chessplayers have ever reached the standards of their male counterparts. Sociological, physiological and psychological explanations have all been advanced, but none less convincing than the Freudian theory: a player's strongest ally is his queen (mother-figure) which helps in his aim of slaying the enemy king (patricide); such an Oedipal urge is a male preserve; ergo, 'women can't play chess.'

Chess champions, past, present and future: From left, John Nunn, Boris Spassky, Jonathan Speelman, Tigran Petrosian, Robert Häbner, Garry Kasparov, Zoltan Ribli, Bobby Fischer, Anatoly Karpov, Viktor Korchnoi, Vassily Smyslov, Jan Timman, Mikhail Tal, Tony Miles, Mikhail Botvinnik and Nigel Short

The long grind of weekend tournaments has become the apprenticeship which any young British player must serve before he enters the ranks of the internationals. Then he can dispense with the exhausting frivolity of three games a day. International competitions are overplayed at a rate less steady than a single game each day. Anyone who has visited any sort of chess tournament and mixed with the players, would have few qualms about classifying chess as a sport. The game itself has strong artistic qualities, and the physical effort involved in lifting chess pieces is not very great, but its leading exponents predominantly display the competitive characteristics of sportsmen rather than the creativity of artists. The physical toll exacted by a hard chess game is easily underestimated and many are surprised to learn that the world's leading chessplayers train physically as well as mentally for important tournaments.

In this country, however, chess is still a recreation. When the British Chess Federation applied for government aid some years ago, their request was shunted between departments until finally awarded a grant by the Department of Education and Science under their provisions for further education. A satisfactory result for the chessmen, but in their next round match, they had to concede defeat at the hands of the men from Customs & Excise. After a long battle, it was finally ruled that chess tournaments could not qualify for the same VAT exemptions as other 'real' sports. Even if not truly a sport, chess can certainly claim to be one of the most international of all competitive activities. Until 1980, it was proudly maintained that chess was played in every country on earth. The Ayatollah Khomeini spoiled all that by banning it in Iran. He went further in his condemnation than Raymond Chandler by claiming that chess damages the

ability to remember and may even cause destruction of the brain. And what is more it causes people to think in a fractious and warlike manner. Some think that the Ayatollah's low opinion of chess may have stemmed from the knowledge that its very name was derived from the word 'shah'.

Outside Iran, international chess thrives as never before, all under the auspices of the world governing body for the game, the Fédération Internationale Des Echecs (FIDE). The FIDE computers hold records of all international events, which form the basis for calculation of an international rating list. Every six months a new list appears, giving a good indication of the relative strengths of all practising players. On the

basis of tournament results, titles of FIDE Master, International Master and Grandmaster are awarded to those who have fulfilled the necessary qualifying standards. The highest accolade is that of the Grandmaster title, of which there are about 175 currently active holders. More than 40 of that number are from the Soviet Union. Ever since Stalin and his henchman Krylenko decreed an important role for chess in the development of the Soviet Union the game has enjoyed an unrivalled status in that country. Krylenko was Commissar of Justice, but in his spare time moonlighted as general secretary of the Soviet Chess Federation. Stalin had him shot in 1938, but by then

the seeds of Russian world chess domination had taken firm root. The rest of the world has taken a long time to catch up, but the last decade has seen an unparalleled chess boom in the West. When Bobby Fischer defeated Boris Spassky for the world championship in Reykjavik in 1972, the unpredictable behaviour of the eccentric American brought chess into the headlines. Interest in the game increased dramatically, nowhere more so than in England, where chess club membership figures trebled immediately. In pre-Fischer days this country had no Grandmasters and any thoughts of large-scale chess sponsorship were only a

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Wheel of fortune in the build-up to who will rule the world



A crucial world championship qualifying match earlier this month was decided by the spin of a roulette wheel. After the scheduled 10 chess games, scores were level between Vassily Smyslov of the Soviet Union and West Germany's Robert Häbner. The match went into four games of extra time, but still no result. With a suitable sense of the dramatic, the players and officials adjourned to the casino. Häbner's fortunes were staked on the black numbers, Smyslov's on red. The ball landed in the zero hole. They tried again. *Trois, impair, rouge.* And Häbner went out.

played among the last eight survivors until only one remains undefeated. He becomes the official challenger for the world championship. The champion himself remains dignified and aloof from this unseemly competition, saving himself for the glacial showdown with his challenger. Even before the roulette wheel had reduced the number of candidates to four, many leading grandmasters had been eliminated from the current cycle. A trio of Soviet former world champions - Boris Spassky, Tigran Petrosian and Mikhail Tal - all fell at early fences, as did Jan Timman of the Netherlands, tipped by many as the only Westerner with a real chance to defeat Karpov.

Interest now centres on Garry Kasparov, the latest Soviet star. Kasparov, only 19 years old, has already had a string of impressive tournament victories to his name. His candidate's semi-final match will be against Viktor Korchnoi, *bête noire* of Soviet grandmasters, though at 52 a beast rather long in the tooth by chess-playing standards. Smyslov no doubt considers him still a spring chicken. The winner of Korchnoi-Kasparov will be favourite to defeat Smyslov or Ribli and go through to meet Anatoly Karpov in 1984. If Kasparov overcomes the hurdles a thrilling contest is in prospect. Both he and the present champion were pupils of Mikhail Botvinnik, first Russian World Champion and patriarch of Soviet Chess. Their styles, however, are quite distinct. Karpov, supreme technician and master strategist, will face the practical opportunist and volatile brilliance of his young challenger.

Britain squares up to fourth



The past decade has seen a rapid improvement in results by British chessplayers. From a position among the second best nations we have risen to fourth place according to calculations based on the latest world ranking list. Grandmasters Tony Miles, Jon Speelman and Dr John Nunn all feature in the world's top 30. Tony Miles has been our most consistently successful player on the international circuit. Last year he spent enough time in England to win both the British Championship and the Leigh Grand Prix. Hopes for the future of British chess are encouraging, with a seemingly unending stream of prodigies emerging. Most attention has been given to the remarkable exploits of Nigel Short, now a veteran prodigy of 17. Perhaps Nigel's next result to date was his victory against Tony Miles in the final of the BBC2 *Master Game* series in 1981. The two Britons had vanquished six of the world's leading grandmasters to reach the final. Since then, Nigel's results have been uneven, but he remains an outstanding prospect. His television chess success has encouraged hordes of children to take up the game, and the imaginative presentation of television chess has turned it into a spectator sport. New renamed *World Cup Chess*, the last series of BBC2 programmes attracted 1,000,000 regular viewers to this thinking man's *Pop Block*. But the children's series *Play Chess!* attracted more than 2,000,000 embryonic grandmasters.

I don't believe it and neither do our top women players, who have recently taken the first step towards equality by showing an increasing tendency to reject participation in women-only events in favour of mixed competition. The old feminine mantle of the British Ladies' Chess Association was thrown off last year with a change of name; the new 'macho' image is represented by the British Women's Chess Association. Chessmen beware.

For the time being, however, the leading male players take home most of the cash prizes in weekend tournaments offered by local sponsors. First prize may be anything between £100 and £1,000, but the points scored in each event also count towards a player's total in the Leigh Grand Prix. At the end of each year, the best overall performance earns the title of Grand Prix Champion and a bonus of £2,000. More than half a million man-hours will have been expended in this quest for grand prix chess honours. The sponsors, Leigh Interests of Walsall, are a company which specializes in international waste disposal. Raymond Chandler would no doubt have considered that most appropriate.

For the majority of grand prix pretenders, the principal attractions of a tournament is simply the opportunity to spend a weekend thinking of nothing but chess. For some the prizes are more important, but the competition is hard. About 50 chessplayers in this country are trying to make a living out of the game, and the total amount of prize money on offer is no more than £60,000. Most will supplement their earnings by teaching or writing. Only the very best can command the appearance fees which will provide a steady income from competitive play.

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Desolate beauty: Snow-covered and rugged splendour of the towering Sargent Icefields, south-east of Anchorage

Christopher Portway goes far north in the spirit of adventure

Call of the wild on Alaska's ghostly highway



North America may not seem a likely source of the more exotic of homo sapiens but up in the far north of that continent they have a character all their own. What is more, so thin on the ground are they that their mere presence affords the treasure of companionship.

Canada's Yukon province is larger than Germany yet has a population about that of Bury St. Edmunds; its Northwest Territories are larger than Europe with a population no more than that of a largish English village, so you can see what I mean. The vast land mass of Alaska is home for less than 230,000, a fraction of the population of just one of the larger American cities.

It is this remoteness that draws me there again and again. In such territory the inherent goodness of our fellow men and women is an attribute born of compassion as well as survival. Here people can be enjoyed and, what is more, they can enjoy you.

I remember my first Alaskan trip. I had been led to believe that Anchorage was a city of wooden shacks but I found it was a plush metropolis of wide modern streets and it had a drug problem. But if the old frontier

is missing in Anchorage it is to be found in plenty a little further on.

Alaska throws up unique obstacles to mankind and he in turn invariably finds novel ways of surmounting them. Farmers and builders must compress their year's work into brief summers, provisions have to be shipped thousands of miles and all Alaskans live with the threat of earthquakes like the brutal one that struck on Good Friday 1964. They have to fly over roadless terrain, take to their boats despite bone-chilling water and exist in temperatures that we in Britain can hardly imagine. Above all Alaska is a land of challenge, holding beneath the surface of its permafrost and waters the vast wealth which first attracted the scruffy, hot-eyed miners in 1896.

Alaska's northernmost "city" is Nome on the west coast facing the Bering Sea, just below the Arctic Circle. Following the discovery of gold on the beaches in 1898, it boomed into a gold rush camp of tents and frame buildings. Once the community numbered 40,000. Today it is less than 4,000. The gold rush has passed and mining is on the decline but an aura of those

glamorous days still lingers on. Topping the ramshackle town is like sighting in a junkyard with the tottering houses surrounded by a collection of pipes, boilers, tin cans, old cars and discarded ice-boxes - all a treasure trove of vital spares. Telegraph poles and television aerials lean at drunken angles for nothing holds up for long on the shifting permafrost. Accommodation is scarce and expensive but these is dormitory space in a church hall for as much as you care to give or in the homes of Nome's good citizens who look upon a guest as a privilege.

Nome is the centre for visiting Arctic Alaska and it is the gritty little British Islander aircraft and pilots, some of Eskimo stock, of Minz Northern Airlines that provide the transportation since the few roads go nowhere. These "bush pilots" depart daily for the many tiny communities, winging their way with passengers and stores across the tundra and over the Bering Sea. Here is the perfect opportunity to see the Eskimos as they live from day to day, at home and at work. Visitors are warmly welcomed and can be put up at simple but cosy guesthouses.

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On another of my visits to the northern American wilderness I drove a small Japanese car the full length of the Alaska Highway; further in fact, since I started from Edmonton. My companion was a Dakotan buffalo farmer, a spirited youngster who had joined me from a village near Fargo. Two thousand miles of highway with, from kilometre 0 at Dawson Creek to kilometre 2446 at Fairbanks, long rough gravel sections interspersed with pot-holed paving in the vicinity of the few townships.

The Alaska Highway is no longer classed as a "wilderness road" but there are plenty that are. One is the Dempster Highway of 725 kilometres which meanders its empty way across the silent terrain from Yukon's Dawson to remote Inuvik in the Northwest Territories. En route there is only one filling station and the road surface is made of volcanic chips that will lacerate a tyre at speeds above 30 miles an hour.

The "Trail of '98" leads northeast and by driving the first portion of the Klondike Loop road, then continuing along the grandiosely named Taylor Highway, you will pass a resurrected gold rush camp with new blood coursing through veins that have been dead for decades. At the end of the road, no more than a stony track through endless pine forest, lies Eagle, another gold rush settlement on the banks of the Yukon River. Here again you can smell the lure of gold but around Jack Wade junction the roadside is littered with old dredgers and the bones of mining machinery. Among these relics of the past, shy of prying eyes - particularly those of the income-tax inspector - are the modest encampments of today's prospectors.

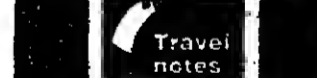
On the South Fork River, near the hamlet of Chicken, I came across Joe O'Beille, who was big-hearted enough to welcome my company. I tried my hand at underwater prospecting with him and together we extracted large quantities of river bed from the cold waters but very little gold dust with it. In the evening, barricaded in his rough and ready home from the herds of vicious mosquitoes, Joe related horrific tales of his years of toil - not without reward - through winters of indescribable cold, cheating death as every numbing emergency from his refuge into the snow to obtain vital supplies from the Chicken general store.

Now it was mid-summer, the countryside was green under a brilliant sun and the village steeple awash with fellow prospectors putting down their evening grog as if it was the end of the world. Laughter and ribald comment rent the smoke-laden air and the local lawman writhed his gun in true cowboy fashion as he swallowed his fifth shot of rye.

The Alaska Highway, the White Pass and Yukon Railway and the Alaska Railroad are arteries of some fame but few of us have heard of the old Canal Road. Yet once, during the Second World War, it had aspirations to become a second Alaska Highway. It took two American army divisions and 36 million dollars to build. Snaking across the multiple barrier of the Mackenzie Mountains from Norman Wells on the great Mackenzie River deep in the Northwest Territories to Whitehorse, only the Yukon end is still in use as a "wilderness road". The remaining 230 miles has become a ghost highway, now designated a hiking trail, bearing along its route the mouldering relics of an army's passing. It traverses a landscape of astounding beauty and a terrible loneliness, of unbridged rivers, landslides, herds of inquisitive caribou and lone temperamental grizzlies.

Four of us, two Englishmen (one resident in Dawson), a Canadian trapper and a young German, trudged those evocative, heart-breaking miles, forging and rafting the fast-flowing, dangerous river, stumbling over endless scree. Carrying 70 pounds of rucksack, I would never have made it but for the help, encouragement and close companionship of my fellows. Yet this is the only method of seeing, feeling and appreciating the splendours of the north.

The top of the world and what incredible territory it is: the Arctic scenery is one of the unusing wonders of our earth. If it were possible to ride a trans-Arctic express in winter one would not think of this area in shades of blue but see it in hues of red, orange and subtle pink. As for the wildlife, witness the overwhelming impact of thousands of snow geese sweeping across the horizon and you can truly appreciate the magnitude of God.



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Warburg cuts tie with Paribas

S. G. Warburg, the merchant bank, unravelling most of its formal ties with Paribas, the nationalized French banking group. Since 1973, Warburg and its holding company Mercury Securities, has had extensive cross-shareholdings involving Paribas' European operations and, until last month, a jointly-held stake in the American investment bank A. G. Becker. Mr David Scholey, Warburg's joint chairman, said yesterday that the two groups would still work together but Warburg wanted to take a more direct involvement in its international activities rather than operating through associated companies. Mercury will in effect swap its 7.5 per cent stake in Banque Paribas and smaller interests to the Dutch, Belgian and Swiss subsidiaries in return for Paribas' 24 per cent stake in Warburg and £1.4m cash. Cheque-link: Standard Chartered is joining forces with Bristol & West to provide cheque books and current account facilities to the building society's customers. Called Moneylink the new scheme will give Standard Chartered entry to the retail banking market and allow Bristol & West to offer new services to its customers. Sothey wait: The Trade Secretary's expected decision on whether to refer £60m American bid for Sothey Parke Bennett, failed to materialize yesterday. The Office of Fair Trading is believed to have recommended against reference. SOHIO DROP: Sohio, the American subsidiary of BP, reported a 39 per cent drop in first-quarter earnings from \$455m to \$277m. LAWSON TOUR: Britain's contacts with leading Opec members will be stepped up next week with a five-day visit to the Gulf by Mr Nigel Lawson, Secretary for Energy. NIGERIAN AID: A growing number of banks are preparing to join the four banks coordinated by Barclays Bank International, which are proposing a refinancing of Nigeria's trade debt arrears. HONGKONG PROBE: The Hongkong Securities Commission said it has appointed inspectors to investigate the affairs of the Carrivan Group, including Carrivan Holdings, Carrivan Investments, their subsidiaries and associated related companies. LLOYD'S PANEL: Mr Cyril Newman, QC, and Mr R. Whewell, a partner of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co, have been appointed by the Committee of Lloyd's to its panel on warranty inquiries.

Wall St hit by profit taking

New York (Reuters) - Stock prices were hit by profit-taking yesterday and turned mixed in morning trading, with the sellers concentrating on the blue chip stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average was off about six points but advances still led declines by a margin of seven to six. Losers among the blue chip stocks included IBM, off one to 11/16, American Express two to 66 1/2, International Harvester 1 1/2 to 9 1/2, and Allied Corp one to 45. Dorset Corp slid 2 1/2 to 32 1/2, adding to a 3 1/2-point drop on Thursday. The company said it would have difficulty in meeting last year's earnings. Meanwhile, the Commerce Department reported yesterday that the index of leading economic indicators rose for the seventh consecutive month in March with a 1.5 per cent gain, which confirmed the fact that a healthy recovery is under way. Altogether seven of the 11 indicators included in the index, which is the most closely watched barometer of the US economic activity, rose last month. Two of the most positive signs in last month's results were a strong rise in prices for basic raw materials which were seriously depressed during the bottom of the recession and a longer average workweek which indicated the pace at US factories is once again picking up. Indeed, the economy showed signs of healthy albeit slightly less than expected growth despite the fact that new orders for consumer goods remained flat last month. Administration economists have said repeatedly that they expect a surge in consumer spending to lead the economy out of recession, particularly during the second half of the year. The fact that the economy is showing signs of good recovery without this boost from recession-wary consumers is considered a hopeful sign. Still, the slower pace of growth last month and in February when the index rose by just 1.4 per cent, has led some economists to caution that the recovery will be uneven and modest at best. They noted that in January the index rose by 3.2 per cent for its largest monthly showing in more than 30 years but this rapid growth dropped sharply to the following month and has stayed in this reduced range.

Rumasa's deficit 'may top £1bn'

By Jeremy Warner. The outstanding deficit of Rumasa, the banking, wine trading and hotels group expropriated by the Spanish authorities this year, could be considerably higher than the 200 billion (about £1 billion), the company's new Government appointed administrator, Senior Ricardo Goitre, said in London yesterday. Senior Miguel Boyer, Spain's finance minister, estimated the deficit at about 200 billion pesetas. Senior Goitre, administrator of the non-banking side of the group, said that confirmation of the deficit's size must await a detailed review of the group's operations, which include the Augustus Baracet off-licence chain in Britain. The former chairman of Rumasa, Senior Jose Maria Ritz Mateos, claimed in London recently that his company was worth 500 billion pesetas, (nearly £2.5 billion) on the day it was seized by the Spanish Government. Senior Mateos has said through his press agent that he plans to return to Madrid, where he left his wife and 13 children last month, to face fraud charges on May 5.

Company chief allays concern

ICL strategy 'on course' By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent. The recovery strategy which ICL put in place after its near-collapse in 1981 is still on course, Mr Robb Wilnot, the managing director, said yesterday. At a press conference announcing a new corporate image and marketing campaign, Mr Wilnot made his first public response to the growing concern in the City and the computer industry about some of ICL's collaborative ventures. The main trouble spot is the PABX (electronic switch) being developed by Mitel of Canada, which has slipped 12 months behind schedule. Software development was a much bigger job than Mitel anticipated, Mr Wilnot said. He acknowledged that the delay had lost ICL some customers who needed telephone exchanges urgently but denied any intention to ditch Mitel. "Naturally we have been courted by many PABX vendors recently but have decided our original choice was right," Mr Wilnot said. "With both

Findings undermine America's hands-off approach

Currency intervention controls wild fluctuations, study group says

Intervention in foreign exchange markets to damp down speculation has been beneficial, a leading international study group concluded yesterday. The working group on Exchange Market Intervention, set up after the Versailles summit of seven leading western industrialized nations last year, gives strong support to those who oppose the entrenched American position which is that markets must be left to find their own level. Rather it supports the Continental view that central banks should try to minimize fluctuations. The report, named after M Philippe Jurgensen, the working party's French chairman, examines summit countries' attempts to intervene between 1973 and 1981 and concludes that intervention had been "an effective tool in the pursuit of certain exchange rate objectives - notably those oriented towards influencing the behaviour of the exchange rate in the short run" even if the central banks lost money in the process. It warns, however, that attempts to pursue exchange rate objectives inconsistent with fundamental trends in inflation and trade balances "tended to be counter-productive". Despite this important caveat, the report undermines the United States' hands-off position, which caused discussion at Versailles and led to a working party being established. In particular, the report concludes that, despite the level of professional trading, foreign exchange markets have been inefficient at interpreting economic fundamentals, which have proved a better guide to long-

run exchange rate trends than either short-term market movements or prices in the market for forward currency. The report suggests that intervention can be helpful in remove a range of causes of exchange rate volatility such as unsettled trading conditions, seasonal influences or disorderly markets caused by confusion over official economic policies. Central banks can usefully intervene to reduce the extent or pace of movements. It found that "bandwagons" could develop; where day-to-day movements themselves determined future price trends. It found that central banks had in several cases successfully bought time when they judged that market traders had failed to understand changes in economic fundamentals or in policy. Jurgensen even quotes the experience of the United States in 1973 and at end of 1980 as an example of a central locking bank successfully smoothing trends in its exchange rates. Action reduced the variability of the dollar-Deutschemark rate compared to periods when the US Government stood by. The report implicitly praises the efforts of the members of the European Monetary System who have intervened heavily at times in counter volatility without unduly resisting changes in response to underlying forces. "The system has avoided both short-term variability and large swings in exchange rates on its members", said Jurgensen. However it continually emphasises that intervention in foreign exchange markets is "no

substitute for necessary changes in economic policy". For that reason it concludes that attempts to block the monetary effects of foreign exchange intervention on the domestic economy make central bank action less effective. "The authorities found supportive domestic policy adjustments, especially in the field of monetary policy, to be indispensable", states the report. In a passage of particular importance to next month's Williamsburg summit, Jurgensen stresses the value of cooperation between central bankers. "Closely coordinated action had at times been more effective than intervention by only one central bank because it gave a signal to the market that the authorities were working to the same purpose", the report concludes.

City Comment

Tactics and skirmishes before war

Merchant banker S. G. Warburg has acquired a considerable reputation over the years as a successful defender in takeover battles, and an innovator in the field of tactics. It is not surprising, therefore, that Thomas Tilling ran straight into Warburg's arms when it received its highly unwelcome bid from BTR. However, Warburg's first real shot in the battle seems to be more of an innovation than a really serious attempt to defeat BTR's bid at this stage. On the bank's advice, the board of Tilling has adopted the unusual, probably unique, course of writing not to its own shareholders, but to those of BTR. It is a legitimate tactic, since the size of the proposed acquisition requires approval from BTR shareholders before the bid can go ahead at all. But Warburg cannot seriously expect arguments that its own institutional shareholders would not accept at this early stage in the battle to sway firm institutional shareholders in the other camp. The formal defence document has not yet been published, and there are no forecasts of profits or dividends on the table. The skirmishing has started, but the real war has still to be joined. Tilling has said something, thus avoiding the potential drawback of deafening silence. At the same time it has put off its full defence until much closer to the first closing date of the BTR offer, thus crowding the other side. Put another way, it has earned itself this number of words, while the BTR camp has restricted itself to announcing that further market purchases have raised their Tilling stake to 9 per cent and a disparaging comment on the Warburg offensive. Crafty old Warburg.

High exports swing trade into surplus

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent. Britain's trade with the rest of the world swung sharply back into surplus last month after the big deficits recorded in the first two months of the year. Exports in March rose to a record £5.28bn in money terms and this, combined with lower imports over the previous month, pushed the visible trade balance into a surplus of £76m. The out-turn was much better than most outside forecasts, which had predicted a further deficit in March after the "freak" £491m deficit in January and £138m deficit in February. The monthly figures tend to be erratic, but the March figures were greeted with cautious optimism in Whitehall. Lord Cockfield, Secretary of State for Trade said: "This confirms the optimistic note of the CBI's latest forecast and provides further evidence that the recovery in our non-oil exports, which started towards the end of last year, is being maintained." The March export figures, which were up from £4.89bn in February, were the second highest ever in volume. They surpassed only by those for April 1979, which were boosted by the catching-up after the lorry drivers' strike. With an estimated £180m surplus on invisibles in March included, Britain had a £556m current account surplus last month. For the first quarter of this year, the current account surplus of £287m was well down on the £1.71bn surplus in

Asda chief for Woolworth



Mr Richard Harker

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor. Mr Richard Harker, operations manager in charge of the Asda supermarkets chain within Associated Dairies Group, has been recruited by Woolworth Holdings as one of a new team of top men to bring round the ailing retail giant. Mr Harker, aged 37, is a Yorkshireman with a reputation for dynamism. He rose through the Asda ranks over 17 years. He fits the description set out by Mr John Beckett, Woolworth's chairman, in his requirements for a team of young top executives with experience. Mr Harker has been in both store and area management. A new structure for operating the Woolworth stores has not been finally decided. One option would be for medium-sized and smaller stores, some 850, to be run separately from the 100 bigger stores. There is increasing speculation that Mr Harker may be chosen to develop the medium-sized and smaller stores.

City expects new Linfood bid

By Our Commercial Editor. The go-ahead. Meanwhile there will almost certainly have been no time to clear the Safeway-Key Markets deal with shareholders. Sir Gordon Borrie, Director-general of Fair Trading, has also called for details of the Safeway deal and could make another separate reference to the Commission. City opinion is that there is plenty of room for Linfood to do so in order to secure all of Fitch, including Key Markets. In a late bid to circumvent a deal between Fitch and "Safe-

Howden loses £14m but A & A 'is benefiting'

By Our Financial Staff. Alexander Howden, the Lloyd's insurance broker at the centre of the re-insurance scandals which have caused turmoil at Lloyd's of London for the past nine months, lost £14m last year. Howden was taken over by Alexander & Alexander, the American insurance broker, early last year. In its just published annual report for 1982, A & A gives a financial breakdown of the performance of its new subsidiary Howden which gives the total loss as \$21.8m or £14m at yesterday's closing exchange rate. Howden's turnover was \$128.4m and expenses were \$121m, the report reveals, leaving income from operations of \$7.38m. But losses of subsidiaries and affiliates were \$17m; there were additional and unexplained expenses of \$6.2m; and a provision for tax of \$3.4m to raise the total deficit to \$21m. The total loss on Howden, in fact, is greater still, for the report confirms that the American company has also made an additional provision of \$20m to cover the cost of the acquisition. Despite these difficulties, Mr John Bogardus, chairman of Alexander & Alexander, says that the company is now benefiting from the purchase of Howden. "The business purposes which led to the acquisition - most notably the gaining of direct access as a broker to the Lloyd's market and the expansion of the company's brokerage operations on an international level - are being realized," he said. One of the longest running disputes at Lloyd's was resolved late last night. The market authorities, Brentnall Beard International and Messrs Sage and Turnbull reached a settlement which resolved all the outstanding differences between them.

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ICL strategy 'on course' By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent. Summing up, Mr Wilnot said: "ICL has had its head down executing the strategy for the past year. Very few things have improved their scheduled. Some things slipped. That's frustrating but unfortunately it seems normal in our industry". ICL's new corporate identity includes a redesigned company logo. Next week it launches a £2.5m press and television advertising campaign to promote its DRS range of office systems. Another ICL venture announced yesterday is the creation of a Knowledge Engineering Group at the company's new £21m West Gorton development centre in Manchester. A £250,000 plan to help writers of software programmes and market products was announced yesterday in Glasgow. Sponsored by the Scottish Development Agency and the Highlands and Islands Development Board, it will help the writers with financial backing and professional advice.

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Four-year bond

Despite uncertainty about interest rates, Crown Life is still offering a four-year Guaranteed Income Bond paying 8.25 per cent net p.a. (equivalent to 11.78 per cent gross for a basic rate taxpayer). The minimum investment is £1,000. Lloyd's Life is offering a similar bond - which pays the same interest rate but you can leave the income to accumulate within the bond over the four-year period. The minimum investment in the Lloyd's Life Bond is £1,500 - the maximum is £25,000.

Mortgage offer

Chase de Vaux, the mortgage broker, is offering building society loans of between £80,000 and £100,000 without documented proof of income at a negotiable interest rate of between 12 and 14 per cent. It offers remortgages on residential property for up to 75 per cent of the value and can lend 80 to 95 per cent of the purchase price of freehold, commercial property.

Goldbugs chance

Goldbugs have yet another opportunity to invest in their favourite metal with the launch today of M & G's Gold and General unit trust. Gold funds topped the performance tables for 1982 and there has been criticism in the

past that fund managers try to jump on bandwagons by launching or advertising trusts when the market is at a high. M & G says it would obviously have preferred to launch the fund six months ago and it is not trying to capitalize on gold's recent performance. The fund will invest in a range of gold shares with around 75 per cent in South Africa and 25 per cent in Australia and North America. Estimated initial gross yield is 3.5 per cent and minimum investment is £250. The fund will be managed by M & G's Mr Paddy Linaker.

Rolac backed

The Government is keen to see the insurance industry hammer out a new agreement on commissions. Mr Robert McCrindle, MP, said at the British Insurance Brokers' annual conference. "I support Rolac. (Registry of Life Assurance Commissioners) and I wish it will fervently hope that the Linked Life Offices will not resist this initiative and that support for the process will amount under motivation." Mr McCrindle said. If Rolac fails, then Government will act, he said in such a way as would at least be awkward for intermediaries and at worst would revolutionize the activities of insurance brokers.

Mortgages

Homebuyers angry as Miras clawback mauls pay-packets

Homebuyers were shocked when they opened their pay packets this week to discover themselves worse off than expected. The telephone hasn't stopped ringing with readers complaining that the reduction in their mortgage repayments with the introduction of Miras (Mortgage Interest Relief At Source) is considerably less than the cut in their take-home pay, and they are out of pocket.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour MP, lost no time in accusing the Government of "diddling" homebuyers but it is the building societies who should be attacked.

The discrepancy between the cut in take-home pay and the reduction in mortgage repayments comes about because of three factors. First, mortgage interest relief granted last year was based on a 13.5 per cent mortgage rate when by the end of the year the rate was down to 10 per cent. The reduction in mortgage interest relief this year not only takes account of a lower mortgage rate, but also the extra tax relief granted last year which must be "clawed back". This would have happened regardless of the introduction of Miras and is definitely not a "diddle". If anything, homebuyers were lucky to have been getting tax relief last year above that to which they were entitled.

But the reason the discrepancy between take-home pay and the new net mortgage repayment is so large is because of the way the societies have chosen to implement Miras.

By offering borrowers only the "constant net repayment" option which events out tax relief throughout the term of the loan, borrowers receive less tax relief in the early years of the loan than under the old system. Of the main societies, only the Halifax has operated in the best interests of its customers, giving borrowers the option to remain on the old system with high tax relief in the early years, declining as the loan is repaid. Worst off are those bank borrowers who have lost mortgage interest tax relief in their tax codings; are suffering the "clawback" because of the over allowance last year, and are not being offered a lower mortgage repayment by the bank. Of the

Homebuyers tax codings for 1983-84 have been dramatically reduced with the introduction of MIRAS.

big four banks, NatWest Bank's customers are unaffected.

But the Inland Revenue estimates that around 50,000 borrowers with Midland, Barclays, Lloyds and other banks have lost their tax relief in the coding, but have not been given a lower mortgage repayment.

The Revenue admits that it is not the fault of the banks which were asked to supply names of customers with "qualifying" loans (those eligible for mortgage interest relief). The banks duly supplied this information but the Revenue was not fast enough in processing the data to enable the banks to calculate the new lower repayments.

Those borrowers who find they are not getting their tax relief by either system should immediately get in touch with their tax office which will put matters right as quickly as possible by arranging for relief to be given to their PAYE codings or tax assessments. Loans which have not been brought into the new scheme will be brought in next year.

a reduction in take-home pay of £210 a year to a basic rate taxpayer, even if Miras had not been introduced.

The second factor is that the extra tax relief granted last year must be clawed back during 1983/84. The homebuyer loses tax relief from his coding by an adjustment - in the case of a borrower with a £20,000 loan an adjustment of just less than £400 - to take account of the over allowance of tax relief in 1982/83.

Interest actually paid would have been £2,333 compared with the £2,700 allowed for in 1982/83's coding. This clawback will account for a further reduction in take-home pay of £110 a year for a basic rate taxpayer, in total his coding allowance will be reduced to the tune of £3,100, worth £930 a year to a basic rate taxpayer or £77.50 a month.

But repayments to the building society have not been cut by £77.50. In March the borrower with a £20,000 loan would have been paying £183.80 a month to the building society. Mortgage repayments will have been reduced to £143.20 - a cut of only £40.60.

This is where the building societies become the villains. Had Miras never been thought of, our borrower with a £20,000 loan would have continued to make gross repayments of £183.80 a month on which tax relief worth just under £50 a month would have been allowed, making a net mortgage repayment of £133.80. So why are borrowers having to hand over £143.20 under Miras?

The answer is because of the way most building societies have chosen to implement Miras. Of the main societies, only the Halifax has allowed borrowers to maintain the present system with higher tax relief in the early years of the loan. The other societies are claiming that they cannot cope with recalculating mortgage interest relief anew every year and have gone over to the "constant net repayment" system. The only answer is to write to your building society and say you want to continue with the old repayment profile - not the constant net repayment scheme.

Avoiding the unnecessary

Now that this year's higher national insurance contributions have begun to bite, more and more people are finding that there is big money involved. Yet, surprisingly, each year millions of pounds in national insurance payments are made unnecessarily by more than £1,100 in national insurance in 1983/84 could be in line for a refund.

Broken down into simple weekly terms it works like this. In 1983/84, the maximum weekly earnings on which contributions are due, are £235. Take the case of a man who during the year expects to earn £250 a week in his main job and £50 a week from part-time work. As he will meet the maximum requirement in his main job, he can avoid having to pay any contributions in his second job by applying to defer them.

Alternatively, take the case of someone who has three jobs and earning, say, £150, £95, and £40 a week respectively. Because wages in jobs one and two take him over the limit, he can ask for contributions on job three to be deferred. And because he will still pay more than the maximum in jobs one and two, he can look forward to a refund at the end of the year as well.

The DHSS produces two leaflets which give full details. *More Than One Job* (no NP28) is for those who work as employees, and *Class 4 Contributions* (no NP18) is for those who have a mixture of employed and self-employed jobs. Ian McDonald

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

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US dollar 1.42 per cent. 10 Mark 3.25 per cent. 10 Franc 3.75 per cent. Swiss Franc 4.25 per cent. March RPI: 327.3 (The new RPI figure is not announced until the third week of the following month).

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FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

Pensions

How to take problems out of the biggest investment in your life

In a couple of months, the 12 million members of Britain's occupational pension schemes will be able to seek advice, locally and free, on what for many of us is the single biggest, and most misunderstood investment in our lives. Survey after survey demonstrates the most appalling apathy and ignorance of employees, many of whom are paying up to 7 per cent of their salaries into occupational pension schemes - often against their will and in the conviction that it is all an enormous fiddle.

down pension schemes of former employers to claim a frozen pension. Widows, according to Miss Grainger, often need advice about their husband's scheme. The trouble with all these well-meaning plans is that pensions, by their nature pose complicated problems. Opas would for example give advice to an employee pondering whether to accept a frozen pension, take a transfer and explain the meaning of the options. "Often the

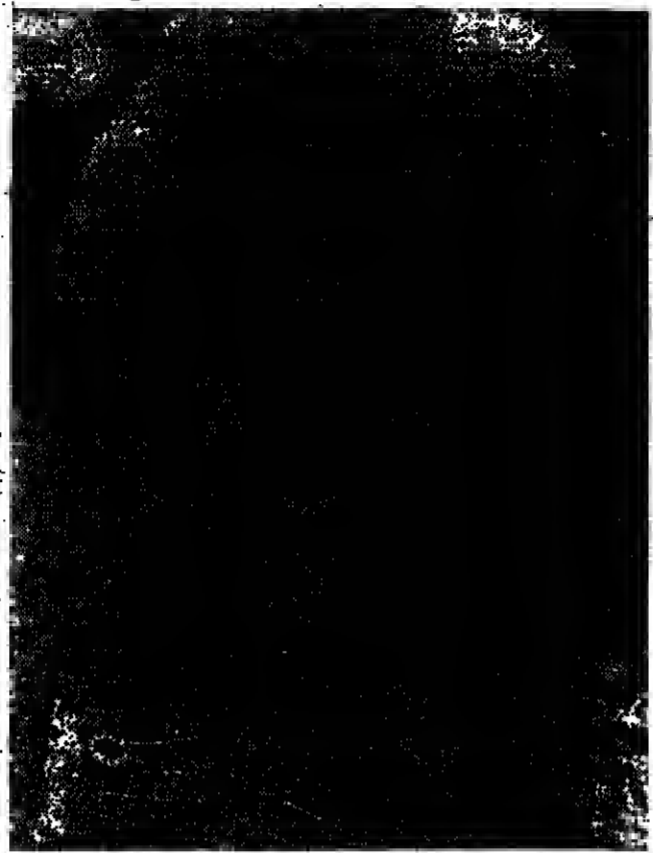
have been fairly treated by the pension fund within the terms of its own trust deeds. "We will offer a personalised service where people have not been able to get satisfactory answers from their trade union representative or the company concerned", she says.

What about pension schemes with rotten rules? "Even if you don't have teeth in that sense, you can still have great influence", says Miss Grainger diplomatically.

But Opas is not, at the moment, intended to be an arbitration service, such as that provided so successfully by the Insurance Ombudsman, which is a shame. None the less, it should fill a much needed gap, if the queries about pensions being received by all kinds of agencies, including the CAB are anything to go by.

CAB workers, 90 per cent of whom are voluntary will be trained to deal with pension queries; hence the two month gap before the service starts. Behind them there will be local experts to handle more complex inquiries. Eventually inquiries can be used to a central panel of advisers. The main problem Opas faces is being overwhelmed by inquiries.

Margaret Drummond



Miss Grainger: explaining pension rights

Property Bond

Vanbrugh pays price for dependence on brokers

Investors in Vanbrugh Life's property bond were shaken a couple of weeks ago when the company cut its unit price by 13 per cent to try to stem a run on the fund. This almost unprecedented move in the industry, dismayed not just Vanbrugh's own investors but many others with holdings in the 50 or 60 property bonds on the market.

Property may have been an uninspiring investment over the last couple of years, but Vanbrugh's move in changing the valuation basis of the fund was not prompted by any collapse in market prices, but the volatile nature of its own business - a total dependence on brokers and lump-sum investment for which both the company and its investors are now paying the price.

Vanbrugh is selling £10m of properties from its £65m property bond portfolio - a sharp reminder of the fact that this kind of investment is vastly more illiquid than, say, equities. Ironically, it believes that the economic boom predicted this week, will soon start to show in property values. So, according to the group, investors have been sitting tight. "Investors saw better opportunities elsewhere", Mr Graham Fortescue marketing director says.

In recent months, more than

£7m has been switched from the property fund, hardly surprising in view of the way equity markets have been performing. The trickle of switches and redemptions looked like becoming a flood and the group used up virtually its whole liquidity before cutting the price of the units to deter further withdrawals.

When a fund is moved to a "bid" basis, as was Vanbrugh's, the notional costs of selling the properties in the fund and any capital gains tax liability is deducted from the unit price. This reflects the fact that more money is going out than coming in - theoretically, the investments might be sold to meet the withdrawals. In practice, managers do not want to be forced into the position of selling investment properties, so withdrawals are met out of the cash liquidity margin which is between 10 and 20 per cent of the portfolio in most funds.

Many property bonds have been in a net redemption situation for much of the past year and have gradually eased the unit price down somewhere between the offer and bid basis - both Save & Prosper and Abbey Life are using this "intermediate" basis at the moment.

So why was it necessary for

Vanbrugh to make such a sudden move and risk damaging investors' confidence?

Vanbrugh, a subsidiary of the Prudential, is a marketing-orientated company totally dependent on insurance brokers for its business. It is also, in its property bond 95 per cent geared, to single premium investment - one off lump sum purchases, unlike most other life companies which have a much higher, probably well over half, of their property bond sales coming from regular premium policies - such as pension and maximum investment plans. The net result of this is that Vanbrugh's property bond was particularly vulnerable.

When several brokers decided to switch clients funds out of the property bond there was a crisis. Arguably, Vanbrugh was less than prudent in holding its funds on an offer basis - which favours those getting out at the expense of those staying in - when other, far less exposed groups had compromised with the "intermediate" basis of valuation.

Most other life companies have a better mix of business, and a sales force as well as brokers, but they are wary of the problem in the light of Vanbrugh's experience.

Trusts

Suspended firm blames owner's 'problems'

Investors in Isle of Man based Richmond Life's Gemstone Trust are concerned about their money. Dealings in Gemstone Trust were suspended on March 31 and since then it has been impossible to buy or sell units, so the fund's 562 investors are just sitting tight - and hoping. The problem has been caused by the difficulties of Gems International the sapphire brokers, whose London and Guernsey offices have been closed down. Calls are being referred to the company's accountants who maintain that Gems International is still in existence. But they say little else.

Mr John Ormond, Richmond's chairman, says Gems International's troubles down to his problems affecting Gem's ultimate owner, Nils Nylan, a Swedish businessman. Mr Ormond says he first became aware of Gems International's problems last August. He thought they were short term and capable of being resolved.

As late as December 10 Richmond was telling insurance brokers, "an investment in the Gemstone Bond should be beneficial". Mr Ormond said this week that he was trying to work out a deal with another gemstone broker, but refuses to commit himself on when the fund will be re-opened or what valuation will be placed on the stones.

In the meantime, his advice to investors who have put money into Richmond's fund is, "Forget it for the time being. Given time, we think it will come right again".

Richmond's Gemstone Fund was formerly known as the Sapphire Fund and was marketed as "a unique opportunity for the discerning investor".

The fund's name was changed last November to reflect the broader aim of investment in other Gemstones such as Thai rubies.

Peter Garland

Capital and income bonds

Law spells end to high-tax avoidance

The Government has clamped down on the controversial "capital and income bonds", a highly artificial device whereby higher rates of income tax can be avoided.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said in an answer to a question in the House of Commons: "In recent months it has become clear that there had been serious, and growing, exploitation of this device. In order to safeguard the Exchequer from a potentially substantial loss of tax, the Government intends to propose legislation, in the form of a new class at Committee Stage of the current Finance Bill.

Capital and income bonds are an arrangement by which profits arising on investments in unit-linked single premium policies which are "non-qualifying" are shifted artificially to a qualifying policy so that the proceeds of the qualifying policy are taken tax-free on maturity.

"The effect of the proposed

measures will be to deny qualifying status to any policy, which is connected with another policy, or policies, if any of the policies provide "unrealistic benefits", said Mr Ridley.

The biggest promoters of capital and income bonds have been Scandia Life, Albany Life, Merchant Investors and, to a lesser extent, Providence Capital and Transinternational Life. An estimated £250m has been put into the bonds since Scandia launched its contract in 1981.

The Government's move came as no surprise to the industry, although Mr Edward Fairman, of Merchant Investors, said he was disappointed that a contract, considered by the company to be a legitimate use of existing legislation, should be discontinued in this way.

None of the member offices of the Life Offices Association issued Capital and Income bonds. The new legislation will not affect conventional income bonds or growth bonds.

Accountants move in at £10m advisers

Staff were refusing to allow in, or to speak to callers at the Mayfair offices of investment advisers, Exchange Securities and Commodities, yesterday. A team of accountants led by Mr Stephen James, of Thomson McLintock, have moved into the company's premises in London and the head office in Warwick, after a petition by the Department of Trade for the compulsory winding up of six companies in the Exchange group.

Exchange Securities and Commodities advertised its investment services heavily in recent weeks but Keith Hunt, the owner and chief executive has been unavailable for the past 14 days. Exchange managed more than £10m of private clients' money and has around 2,000

customers. The London office in Herford Street, Mayfair, was opened when Exchange expanded from its original commodity investment service into general investment advice last October. Investors were reassured that several Exchange companies were licensed dealers in securities and subject to control by the Department of Trade.

It is not yet known whether Exchange kept customers' funds in a separate client account. If not, investors' money could eventually be used to meet the companies' liabilities if the winding up petition, due to be heard in the High Court on June 13, is successful. Ironically, the Department of Trade published the new rules for licensed dealers this week, which stipulate that, from June 1, all clients' funds must be kept separate from the firm's money.

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Puzzle of Harvester boom

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - The surge in International Harvester Company common stock has puzzled analysts. Harvester has won favour among investors who had a yearning for risk and a conviction that the stock will benefit greatly from an economic recovery.

The performance of Chrysler Corporation common stock, which rose to a high this month of more than 26 from a low of about 3 in late 1981, has encouraged bargain-hunters to seek out other troubled corporate monsters and place bets that they, too, will recover.

That speculative fervour has boosted Harvester common stock to a recent high of 12 1/2, up 9 from last December's low and up almost 6 in the past 30 days.

Harvester common stock closed at 11 1/2, up 1/2.

But analysts say enthusiasm over the glimmers of hope to Harvester's outlook masks uncertainty in valuing its common shares: the potentially huge dilution of per-share earnings if the company has to issue additional common to restructure its huge debt.

The free-market bailout of Harvester may succeed, but the performance of the stock isn't likely to match the performance of Chrysler, if the potential dilution occurs," says Mr Eli Lustgarten, analyst with Paine Webber Mitchell Hinchins.

When Harvester officials sit down with the company's bankers this summer to renegotiate leading agreements covering \$3.6bn, analysts say an accord to convert some debt to equity could result.

Harvester has reduced in size since 1979, before large problems set in. This is one reason why it needs to reduce its debt yet again. Its annual sales are less than half 1979's record \$800,400m.

It faces losses which are estimated to total \$325m to \$450m in the year ending October 31, compared with a deficit of \$100,640m in 1982.

First Boston's Mr McGinty points to the bail out of Massey-Ferguson, the better-off Canadian farm equipment maker, as an example of what could happen. Massey's common shares outstanding has risen to 88 million from 18 million in June 1981, because of last March's refinancing, and other measures. That number comes to about 220 million, assuming exercise of all warrants and conversion of preferred outstanding, McGinty predicts.

Washington (AP-Dow Jones) American Telephone & Telegraph Company said it has proposed to offer a more versatile and widely available high-capacity satellite transmission service to business customers.

Quiet gilts provoke cautious hopes

Gilts closed the week enervated, and the best that can be hoped for next week is that prices will stay at the same levels.

The impact on an already dull market of the new tap - however well it is received as a pre-emption hedge - must be to absorb funds that might have been invested in the market. Even though the tap is partly paid, \$400m must be produced next week.

Gilt prices barely changed yesterday, although the market welcomed the excellent trade figures as helping sentiment. On the week, short rates rose about five-eighths of a point, medium a half a point and long three-eighths. Index-linked stocks were most heavily affected by the new index-linked tap, and were down a point and a half on the week.

Sterling is remaining a boost to sentiment in gilts. Confidence continues that interest rates will move down soon, but there is no talk of this being imminent.

The level of increases in the money supply figures have led to forecasts that the authorities will want to step up their funding to take money out of the system, and so reduce inflationary expectations.

The developments in the US economy are also being helpful

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The authorities there have been acting to hold down rates in domestic markets.

A view of gilts beyond the new tap is for continued steady progress at best. There are a large number of calls. The authorities have been making slow progress with the medium tap, and a third is still overhanging the market.

Until there is a clearer political picture, or prospects of a cut in interest rates, gilts offer little prospects of excitement.

Wall St

Wall Street's rally continued this week, although the heavy volume of trading caused nervousness that a correction was due. The government's

announcement that next week's quarterly auction of Treasury notes and bonds will raise \$15,000m was well received, and prices have held firm.

Reinforcing confidence in Wall Street is the growing number of forecasts of further declines in interest rates. There had been fears that the weight of new government funding would dampen domestic money market rates higher. This has been the recent pattern.

But after the announcement on Wednesday of the Treasury package the price of bonds continued to rise. So, provided that there is not a major deterioration in the US money supply, the economists believe, there could be a cut in the discount rate from the current level of 8.5 per cent.

The economists all say that the moderate pace of the American economic recovery, and the recent evidence of a slowing of the money growth, all make it appropriate for a lower level of interest rates.

The markets continue to keep a close watch of the Fed funds rate as a barometer of pressure, and this has been coming down from the end of quarter phenomenon of more than 10 per cent rise to around 8.5 per cent. But a fall to 8 per cent or less is needed to excite hopes that a discount rate cut is imminent.

The week

London followed Wall Street to a record high, but failed to attract sufficient buying to take

it convincingly through the 700-level on the FT 30 index. While there were a number of good profits reported by leading companies, ICI exceeded expectations. ICI exceeded expectations, and stronger sterling renewed hopes of interest rate cuts, and counter-balancing pre-election uncertainties and fears that the market may be nearing its top.

ICI announced an increase in the volume of sales, helped by the weakness of sterling and another good quarter is expected.

The market was also encouraged by the news of 1982's trading from Wimpey and Blue Circle yesterday. At Blue Circle, profits in the United Kingdom showed a rise of 25 per cent, but there was a fall of £14m in the volume of sales, helped by the weakness of sterling and another good quarter is expected.

Earlier in the week, Simon Engineering announced a small rise in 1982 pretax profits to £20.66m, maintaining its 10-year growth record.

Ford UK suffered from the squeeze on margins last year, and pretax profits fell from £220m to £194m last year.

Table of stock prices and changes for various companies like AMT Inc, Allied Steel, Anglo Chemicals, etc.

Table of stock prices and changes for various companies like Poligraf, Pricer, Pricer, etc.

Call for better City links with EEC

From Ian Murray, Brussels

For British businessmen to find out how the Community worked if they were to capitalize on British membership.

He said yesterday: "I never realized what all the problems and difficulties were until now, even though I have always been a convinced European. Now I am going to encourage businessmen to get more involved in the Community and to visit the Commission more often."

He is campaigning for a unified European Stock Exchange system

US oil group may quit Italy

From John Earle, Rome

Standard Oil of Indiana, owner of Amoco Italia, is reported to be negotiating the sale to Saudi interests of its Italian activities, which include a refinery at Cremona with an annual capacity of 5 million tonnes and 1,100 service stations.

Mr Roger Tamraz, an Arab financier acting for two Saudi groups, First Arabian Corporation and Arabian Sea Oil, is said to be conducting the talks.

This is the latest evidence of dissatisfaction leading international oil groups with the Italian market which is heavily dominated by the state-owned ENI.

At the same time, he said, it is frustrating that the Community could not agree on standards for qualifications so that people like accountants could work anywhere in the Community.

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COMPANY NEW IN BRIEF

Table listing company news in brief, including Brentnall Beard (Holdings), Liberty & Co, etc.

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TAMMAM has agreed to acquire the shares of Long and Hambly not already held. Tammam owns 17.85m (83.3 per cent) of the ordinary share and 90p cash for each preference.

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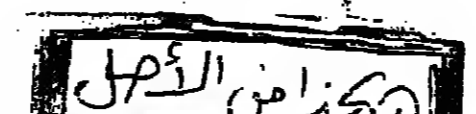
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Table of base lending rates for various banks and institutions like ABN Bank, Barclays, BCCI, etc.

First National Securities Base rate announcement: First National Securities Limited announces that 1st May 1983 its base rate for lending will be reduced to 12%.

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RUGBY UNION: JOHN PLAYER AND WELSH CUP FINALS

Leicester's seen-it-all, won-it-all men for all finals have a slight edge

By David Hanks, Rugby Correspondent

In the last five years, Leicester have had every kind of cup final experience. They have won, they have lost, they have been favourites and won without style, they have been outsiders and won with verve, they have come from behind, they have led from the start. The only thing they have not done is drawn which, as Gloucester and Moseley will say after last year's final, is an experience best avoided.

Davies of England, has perfected the technique of the timed arrival and the tap-down of a high kick to his support. Similarly, Barnes will be aware that Dodson is a newcomer to the full back position, and will wish to put him through his paces. If either side can pick up a score by these tactics early in the game, so

men, Mike Rafter and Peter Polidri have few peers as winners of possession on the ground, or as supporting cast when the ball is among the backs. One of Leicester's injury doubts has been the flanker, Ian Smith, their nearest equivalent to Rafter. However, Smith, Dodge, Barnwell and Gilling-

Paths to the final

BRISTOL: Third round: Harrogate 33-15 (away); Fourth round: Gloucester 20-10 (away); Quarter-finals: West Hartlepool 16-14 (away); Semi-finals: Coventry 22-8 (away); Leading try scorer: J Carr (2).

LEICESTER: Third round: High Wycombe 47-18 (home); Fourth round: Wakefield 30-14 (home); Quarter-finals: Harrogate 18-14 (home); Semi-finals: London Scottish 26-9 (away); Leading try scorer: J Barnwell (2).

ham, all came through a stiff training evening on Thursday, and Bristol will find the young Leicester No 8, Dean Richards, moves around as quickly as many flankers. Richards is one of the game's most promising young men, even if his senior experience is strictly limited. This will be his first appearance at Twickenham, of any kind.

It is Leicester's hope that, by scoring tries, they will compensate for the absence of Hare. Indeed, this is one of the most intriguing aspects of a final which may draw a record crowd of 30,000 - how will Leicester fare without the equine Not-

tinghamshire farmer served up? And can both clubs serve the kind of fare that will put a shine on an unhappy English season? That they can there is no doubt. To predict that they will be to place too great a weight of expectation on willing shoulders. Both clubs are there to win the cup; if they can do so by running the ball, some 13,000 Leicester supporters, some 7,000 Bristolians and a few thousand uncommitted others, will be privileged. But if

they do not, then the Swansea team who face Bay Fosse's Pontypool in today's Welsh Cup final, sponsored by Schweppes, will have grown weary and grey during their preparation over the last week in assessing Pontypool's strength. In Hall, the Swansea coach, has talked endlessly of the threat that will come from the opposition's formidable pack, whose activities will be orchestrated by Bishop, their scrum half. To consider any variety would be time wasted. Pontypool are unlikely to use their three quarters.

By no means, then, can the threequarters be considered superfluous to Prosser's requirements. Nonetheless, the match will revolve around the forwards. Since they have several claims for back row positions, and in order to make maximum use of their talent at forward, Butler, the Pontypool captain, will play at lock.

But it is really as simple as that? Statistics might suggest otherwise. As if, in contrast, the easy assessment that Pontypool will rely on their pack for possession and on Lewis to kick goals, the season's details show that they have scored 207 tries and amassed 1,340 points. Swansea, who team with the running reputation, have scored only 168 tries and 1,000 points. Admittedly, Swift, who will play at centre today, and Emry, their wings,

have collected 48 tries between them; but the Pontypool pair, Davies and Taylor, have scored 16 today's Welsh Cup final, sponsored by Schweppes, will have grown weary and grey during their preparation over the last week in assessing Pontypool's strength. In Hall, the Swansea coach, has talked endlessly of the threat that will come from the opposition's formidable pack, whose activities will be orchestrated by Bishop, their scrum half. To consider any variety would be time wasted. Pontypool are unlikely to use their three quarters.



No Hare: but Casworth (above) could swing it for Leicester

a penalty goal by Barnes, or a drop goal by Casworth proves the difference, and that it could well be as little as that, it will be no surprise at all.

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ATHLETICS

Jones is in for a marathon struggle

By Pat Butcher

Rugby Jones runs his first half marathon in almost a year in London tomorrow, as he strikes to see if he has recovered from his operations and recent injuries, and can make a serious challenge for the vacant marathon place in the British team for the world championships in Helsinki in August.

The marathon selections for both Helsinki and the European Cup in Spain in June were made yesterday, but because of the difficulties of the training camps over the holiday weekends, the teams will not be announced until Tuesday. John Le Mesurier, chairman of the British selectors, said yesterday that the selections were fairly straightforward, implying that the prior notice of the importance of the first two places in the London marathon would be honoured.

That means that Mike Gratton, Gerry Helme, Glynis Penny, and Kathy Binns can confirm their programme leading up to Helsinki. It is also likely that Joyce Smith's "training run" of 2hr 38min 56sec in last weekend's Rome Marathon has satisfied the selectors. The only question mark remains beside Jones' name. Last year's London victory in May was his last marathon, and he has yet to do the Helsinki qualifying time of 2hr 17min.

Jones had operations on both of his Achilles tendons before Christmas, and minor injuries have hampered his comeback. He has no class opposition in tomorrow's East London Half Marathon, but a time close to 61 minutes would do much for his confidence, and his resolution to qualify for Helsinki.

BOXING: Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico) announced yesterday that he is giving up the World Boxing Council junior featherweight title he has held since 1977 in order to move up in weight.

MOTOR RACING

Arnoux clips Piquet time at Imola

From John Blunsden, Imola

The charge of the turbo continued here yesterday when they filled the top 10 places in the first qualification period for tomorrow's San Marino Grand Prix. For much of the time the battle for pole position was led by Nelson Piquet in his Brabham-BMW and Alain Prost in a new Renault similar to, but a little lighter than, the car he used to win the French Grand Prix.

It was a contest which Piquet, who has yet to be beaten on this circuit, looked like winning. But six minutes from the end René Arnoux, and his latest Ferrari, incorporating a new rear suspension and weighing 20kg less, delighted the ever-loving local spectators by clipping more than a tenth of a second off the Brabham driver's time to lead the list at the halfway stage in qualifying.

Although Patrick Tambay continued his run of bad luck in qualifying by twice suffering engine failure in the other Ferrari, at least his long walk home occurred during the untimed practice period. Despite being penalised on his quickest lap with qualifying tyres, he is currently fifth fastest behind the two Renaults.

The fastest time in a three-litre car was set by Marc Surer, whose Arrows-Ford is still painted white in anticipation of some much-needed sponsorship for the team. It is possible that this will be forthcoming in time for tomorrow's race from a local source, while the team director, Jackie Oliver, has received an approach from the Arab world concerning longer-term backing. Surer's performance was eloquent testimony to the good balance of the Arrows chassis - a vital ingredient on a circuit with several chicanes which call for sudden and tidy changes of direction.

John Watson was troubled by a mysterious handling problem on his Marlboro McLaren, while Niki Lauda's car lost engine power during his timed run. Both will be equipped with the latest Ford DFV engine overnight, as will Nigel Mansell's JPS Lotus, which the driver says is performing better this weekend than at any other time this season.



Arnoux: delighted locals

year. A further chassis improvement is planned overnight.

Daek Warwick's Toleman has appeared with a new version of the Hart turbo-charged engine incorporating twin spark plugs per cylinder, but some electronic interference caused the engine to misfire at 9,000 rpm, hampering his acceleration out of the slower corners. In the circumstances, therefore, his time was encouraging, and tomorrow Toleman, like Lotus, will be using a new design of Pirelli race tyre. Should the race be a wet one, all the Goodyear runners will be using the first of a new generation of radial rain tyres.

QUALIFYING TIMES: 1. P. Arnoux (Renault), 1min.52.40sec; 2. A. Prost (Renault), 1min.52.50sec; 3. M. Surer (Arrows-Ford), 1min.52.52sec; 4. R. Arnoux (Ferrari), 1min.52.54sec; 5. A. de Cesaris (Alfa Romeo), 1min.52.56sec; 6. M. Wittmann (ATV-BMW), 1min.52.57sec; 7. M. de Angelis (Lotus), 1min.52.58sec; 8. N. Piquet (Brabham-BMW), 1min.52.59sec; 9. D. Warwick (Toleman-Hart), 1min.52.59sec; 10. M. Surer (Arrows-Ford), 1min.52.59sec; 11. M. Surer (Arrows-Ford), 1min.52.59sec; 12. J. Watson (McLaren), 1min.52.59sec; 13. M. Alboreto (Ferrari-Ford), 1min.52.59sec; 14. R. Piquet (Brabham-BMW), 1min.52.59sec; 15. R. Piquet (Brabham-BMW), 1min.52.59sec; 16. R. Piquet (Brabham-BMW), 1min.52.59sec; 17. J. Lauda (Ferrari), 1min.52.59sec; 18. D. Warwick (Toleman-Hart), 1min.52.59sec; 19. D. Warwick (Toleman-Hart), 1min.52.59sec; 20. G. Surer (Arrows-Ford), 1min.52.59sec; 21. J. Watson (McLaren), 1min.52.59sec; 22. J. Watson (McLaren), 1min.52.59sec.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leeds will tear into faltering Hull

By Keith Macklin

There were signs last weekend that Hull might be feeling the strain, despite confident assertions by the coach, Arthur Hanning, that they are all out for the big treble. Goldhampton have been the front of their lives before going down 24-21 in the Premiership first round and Leeds will be well aware tomorrow that the Hull players have an engagement at Wembley next Saturday.

Hull will be without the New Zealand full back, Kemble, and may also lack the services of his fellow countryman, Leatua, as they face a Leeds side who have staggered the

late run of successes, and from advantage should see Rover through.

Hull expect to take more than 25,000 supporters with them for next week's Challenge Cup final, an attempt to boost support for Featherstone Rovers, Hull's opponents from the small West Yorkshire mining town, the Featherstone chairman, Bob Ashby, has appealed to impartial members of the Wembley crowd to get behind Rovers. Since the love of the underdog is still very much alive in Rugby League hearts, his appeal should not go unheeded.

Financial market data table including Unit Trust Prices, Exchange Rates, and various market indices. The table is organized into columns with headers like 'Unit Trust Prices - change on the week' and 'Exchange Rates'. It contains numerous rows of numerical data and names of financial institutions and funds.

Mayday call goes out from sinking ships

By Peter Ball
This year the May Day weekend appears to have replaced Easter as a major staging post in the football calendar...



McNab: the prodigal returns

Stevenson and Ferguson fit to take their places in a 13-man squad. Sunderland, themselves on the crest of a slump without a win in seven games...

mouth as the club's injury problems grew, and now Jimmy McNab says: 'McNab's past differences with the club are forgotten. His attitude has been first class since he came back and I am certain he can do a good job for us.'

Sobering up time in the great TV footballing epic

By Peter Ball
The meetings between the Football League and the television companies over a new contract for televising football are beginning to take on an epic quality...

in income if they could wear it on television, this could well still prove a crucial objection to the offer. Mr Kelly is writing to the club chairman...

Higgins had the honey but Davis the sting

By Sydney Frankin

An eventful morning's play ended at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday, with Steve Davis extending his unbeaten lead over Alex Higgins...



Davis cornered: impatiently waiting for his cue

Knowles began the afternoon with a lead of 5-3 and Thorburn, after a tense battle of attrition, won the first frame in 37 minutes...

It is now certain that the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association will remain at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, for at least two more years...

Celtic can gain ground

Championship nerves could play a part in today's premier division programme in Scotland. All three title contenders, Dundee United, Celtic and Aberdeen...

Peace call from Reading camp

Maurice Evans, the Reading manager, has backed calls for a peaceful demonstration by fans before today's game against Millwall...

Larios leaves again

Jean-Francois Larios, the French midfielder player, who left St Etienne to join Atletico Madrid in February...

Family flavour to final

By Paul Newman
One of the biggest crowds in the nine-year history of the FA Vase is expected for today's final between West Midlands League clubs...

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Prospects at the Oval, where Surrey are due to meet Kent, were equally bleak yesterday...

Countries' warm-up dampened

The fanfare which should accompany the start of the county championship are invariably muted, if not drowned, by the weather...

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Feaver bounces back and into final

John Feaver, who has played four Davis Cup singles for Britain, has always been remarkable for his strong right arm, his bold acrobatics, and his undiluting tenacity...

Humphreys in hunt

Warren Humphreys lost the chance of sharing the lead at the halfway stage of the £60,000 Italian Open championship yesterday when he failed to hole out on the 18th green...

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Johannesburg (Reuters) - The \$6m double world title bill, which was due to be staged in Bophuthatswana next month, appears to be on the verge of collapse.

FOR THE RECORD
BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Diego Padres 5, Chicago Cubs 1.

GOLF
MILTON HEAD ISLANDS Women's tournament: first round (US unless stated): G. H. Stacy, 66; A. Whitworth, 71; J. Coles, 72; A. Nicholls, 73.

VOLLEYBALL
MIM favourites for title again
Murray International Metals, who have already retained their league title, are favourites to gain their eighth Cup title when they meet Airdrie in the final of the Royal Bank Cup at Meadowbank.

RUGBY UNION
RFU postpone decision on SA tour
To no one's surprise, the Rugby Football Union has postponed its decision on whether to send an England party to tour South Africa in May next year.

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RACING: 2,000 GUINEAS AT NEWMARKET/FRENCH 1,000 GUINEAS AT LONGCHAMP

Diesis should flout the golden rule

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

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himself as one of the best in the land. Here has taken Gorytus to Bath raccourse and to Newmarket, too, this spring in an endeavour to have him primed for this occasion and each time he has gone well. But only time will tell whether that experience in the Dewhurst has left a permanent mark. The temptation to give

that Wadd recovered from a slow start and wore down Proclaim to win the Greenham stakes at Newbury a fortnight ago. Judged on that run alone he is this season's form horse. Furthermore he looked as though he would improve with that race behind him. With Proclaim clearly held on paper, Mr Niarcho's best chance surely lies with Aller-

disappointed at not being on Dizarruto this afternoon Pat Eddery is positively looking forward to his ride on the stable's deputy, Lomond, who won the Gladness Stakes over seven furlongs on the Curragh earlier this month. Lomond could be the best each-way bet in the race because he has continued to go well at Ballydoyle in the meantime. Muscatite, Spanish Place, Guns of Navarone and Tolomeo are the four who dominated the finish of the Craven Stakes run over today's course and distance 19 days ago. In my opinion that form did not look up to classic standard.

Electric eclipses Time Charter

By Michael Seely

For the second day running class was triumphant at Newmarket yesterday. Electric and Time Charter stamped themselves as leading contenders for the season's group one middle distance races when fighting out an exciting finish for the Jockey Club Stakes.

The previously untried Jolly Day is now one of the joint favourites for the Oaks after beating Fields of Spring in the Pretty Polly Stakes and it did not need the triumphant light of battle in John Sutcliffe's eyes to tell us that Prince Spy is a contender for the top honours this season after defeating Jay 4lb in the British Sugar Silver Spoon Handicap.

Returning to the wide open spaces

By Jenny MacArthur

The first outdoor show on the showjumpers' international circuit begins today with a meeting at the All England Jumping Course, Hickstead, sponsored by the Irish Dairy Board.

Sponsorship for classics

The directors of Newmarket Racecourse Trust announced yesterday that they would accept sponsorship for next year's 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas. Their decision followed a meeting of the Jockey Club at Newmarket earlier in the day when the stewards laid down guidelines to be followed in accepting sponsorship of the classic races, Michael Phillips writes.

commercial package as these two races are run within two days of each other and receive international television coverage. Newmarket will be looking for a minimum of £150,000 for the year. In giving the go-ahead for classics to be sponsored the Jockey Club are aware that the stewards laid down guidelines to be followed in accepting sponsorship of the classic races, Michael Phillips writes.

No matter how Diesis performs in the Guineas, Decil and Piggott still expect to win the Philip Cornes Nickel Alloy Stakes with Precocious, an aptly named two-year-old who has been going well at home. This is not surprising because there is bags of speed in his blood. His half-sister, Pushy, won the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot three years ago and he himself is by Mummy's Pet, renowned as a sire of sprinters.

2,000 Guineas field

Table listing 2,000 Guineas Stakes (Group 1) with horse names, jockeys, and trainers. Includes horses like Diesis, Gorytus, and Proclaim.

Mysterieuse Etoile can star

From Desmond Stannell, French Racing Correspondent, Paris

The ground does not become testing. Olivier Douieb warned me this morning that his colt could only produce his superb turn of foot when conditions were right. The danger to my selection must be Welsh form, who took the Prix d'Harcourt by four lengths and two from Cadoual and Mulez Palace.

Finally, I expect English trained colts to take the first two places in the Prix du Muguet. The course winner, Neolobol, may be first past the post in the hands of George Duffield and Moutelin should come with his habitual late flourish to take second place.

National crisis talks

More talks about the Grand National take place over the weekend. The Aintree appeal fund trustees and the racecourse owner, Bill Davies, discuss the purchase of £4m from Mr Davies expires tomorrow, with the completion date scheduled for May 20.

Finally, while respecting the surge of confidence behind Diesis, Gorytus is taken to uphold the value of last season's Champagne Stakes form in the 2,000 Guineas.

TABLE TENNIS

Canada's representative, Linda Swain, is ill and has had to withdraw. Two of Britain's top riders are not competing, Lesley McNaught, who has a knee injury, and Stephen Hadley. Hadley is giving Sumner a rest after victory will be at Hickstead as BBC commentator.

A method in Sweden's madness

Tokyo (Reuters) - Sweden's highly-rated men's team went into their match with China like lambs to the slaughter in the world championship here yesterday. They played the Chinese in Group A without some of their best players, including the European champion Mikael Appelgren and the world number one, Mats Wilander.

Rest of Newmarket programme

Table listing various racing events at Newmarket including 3.0, 4.5, 2.15, 3.35, 4.35, 1.45, 2.15, 2.15 and 3.00 races.

Newmarket selections

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Fixtures for today and tomorrow

Table of football fixtures for the first and second divisions, including teams like Aston Villa, Coventry, and Manchester United.

Cunningham plays his first full senior match for Manchester United at Norwich.

Table of rugby union fixtures, including the John Player Cup Final and various club matches.

RUGBY UNION JOHN PLAYER CUP FINAL. Brest & Leicester at Cardiff.

Table of football fixtures for the third and fourth divisions.

Scottish premier division. Dundee v Aberdeen. Kilmarnock v Celtic.

Table of football fixtures for the second division.

Grants at stake on junior finals. The climax of the annual search for the country's best young gymnast takes place tomorrow in Wembley Arena.

YACHTING Jeantot supreme. With Philippe Jeantot 500 miles east of Antigua yesterday, holding a commanding lead over the nine remaining contenders.

ICE SKATING Wilkie wide open. The Wilkie Trophy, still now a domestic ice dance competition in this country, has taken on an international flavour.

SWIMMING. The world record holders Alex Baumann (200 metres individual medley) and Victor Davis (200 metres breaststroke) will both be missing from the Canadian team which swims against Britain and the Soviet Union at Leeds on May 7 to 8.

IN MEMORIAM

ARTHUR. In loving memory of my dear father, Arthur James, who passed away on the 26th November 1982.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND. Helping cancer patients at our hospital now today the Imperial Cancer Research Fund is seeking a cure for cancer.

GOLDSMITH CRAFT FAIR

Designers Jewellery and silver for sale. Admission free. 10.30 to 4.00 on Wed. 27th.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at the Royal Albert Hall, London W2, on Thursday, 26th May 1983.

BIRTHDAYS

28 YEARS ON - Happy Birthday, Chris. Love, Ted.

DEATHS

BOBROW Alexander. On 27th April 1983, Alexander Robert Bobrow, aged 89.

CRICKET

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP. Derbyshire v Gloucestershire. Derbyshire won by 100 runs.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF. Lyham Trophy (at Royal Lyham and St. Anne's).

TOMORROW

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FOOTBALL. FA SUNDAY CUP. Final. Liverpool v Chelsea.

RUGBY LEAGUE. REPRESENTATIVE MATCH. Sussex v Presidents XI.

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VENTURA HOLIDAYS

Price list for various UK airports and destinations. Includes London, Manchester, and Birmingham.

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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

Sunday

Edited by Peter Evans

BBC 1
6.25 Open University (until 8.55)
Peak Experiences: 6.30
Uranium: 7.15 Residential
Placement: 7.40 Year with
Three Children: 8.05 Promised
Land: 8.30 Statistics.

TV-am
8.00 Daybreak. Followed at 7.00 by
Good Morning Britain,
presented by the two
sister-sisters. Includes:
news at 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 6.00
and 6.30; Sport at 6.30 and
7.15 (or shortly thereafter),
the morning Bill Oddie at 7.45,
interview with Michael Aspel
and the King Singers, at 8.07,
astoria at 8.20 and Date Risk,
for the youngsters, at 8.40.
With Magnus Pyke: 9.15

ITV/LONDON
8.30 Sesame Street with The
Muppet: 10.30 The Saturday
Show: Includes the Talented
Teacher of the Year contest.
Plus highlights from previous
Saturday morning editions.

BBC 2
6.25 Open University (until 8.10)
3.10 Film: The Halfway House
(1944) Crispy tale, set in a
remote Welsh inn, where a
group of transient are staying.
With Mervyn and Glyne Johns,
Françoise Rosay, Tom Walls.
Director: Basil Dearden.

CHANNEL 4
2.30 Power Play: Housing, Re-
enactment in the studio of a
"bouncil" meeting to discuss a
property development plan
which could help council
tenants. With sub-titles for
the deaf (r).

BBC 1
6.25 Open University (until 8.55)
Balzac: 6.50 Cymric: 7.15
Maths: 7.40 Design: 8.05
Geography: 8.30 Chemistry.

TV-am
7.00 Rub-a-Dub-Tub: the magazine
programme for the very young
(6, aged four to eight) viewer.
And, at 8.00 Good Morning
Britain. Presented by Michael
Parkinson, survivor of the TV-
men purge. Includes news at
6.00, 6.30, 8.00 and 9.15; Sport
after 8.00 and after 8.10;
Sunday papers at 8.10; Politics
at 8.30; Discussion at 8.15 and
8.08. Closes down at 8.15.

ITV/LONDON
8.30 Ozzie Tom Gravney, Ian
Botham, Viv Richards and
other from Somerset CC give
some hints on how to play
better cricket.

Radio 4
6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News.
6.32 Farming Today.
6.50 In Perspective: Religious affairs.
6.55 Weather: Travel.
7.00 News: 7.10 Today's Papers.
7.15 On Your Farm.
7.45 It's a Bargain.
7.50 Weather: Travel.
8.00 News.
8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Sport on 4.
8.40 Yesterday in Parliament.
8.57 Weather: Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Breakaway: Holiday and travel
news.

Radio 3
7.50 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Auld Auld, R. MacIntyre,
Vaughan Williams, records.
8.10 News.
8.15 The Outside in Spring.
8.20 News.
8.25 Stop the Week with Robert
Robinson.
8.30 News.
8.35 Shipping Forecast.
8.40 News.
8.45 ENGLAND: VHF with 11 above
except 8.25-8.30pm Weather:
TV-am. 1.55-2.00pm Programme
News.

Radio 1
6.30 Wake Up to the Weekend with
Adrian Edmondson.
6.35 Saturday Night Takeaway.
6.40 Dave Lee Travis.
6.45 Glastonbury: Hank B. Marvin.
6.50 A King in New York with Jonathan
Gold.
6.55 Saturday Live. 6.30 in Concert
featuring Chevy Chase and Rock
Goddard.
7.00 America's Funniest Home Videos.
7.05 News.
7.10 VHF only - Open University.
6.55pm Temple Motown (1) 7.15
Music as a Language (2) 7.30-7.55
Methu.
7.00pm News.
7.10pm Villa Madama. 11.40-
12.00 Meeting to Model.

Radio 4
6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News.
6.32 Morning Has Broken 6.55
Weather: Travel.
7.00 News.
7.10 Sunday Papers 7.10 Agra Hit
Ghar Samajh 7.45 Bells 7.50
The Shape of God 7.55 Weather:
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6.50 In Perspective: Religious affairs.
6.55 Weather: Travel.
7.00 News: 7.10 Today's Papers.
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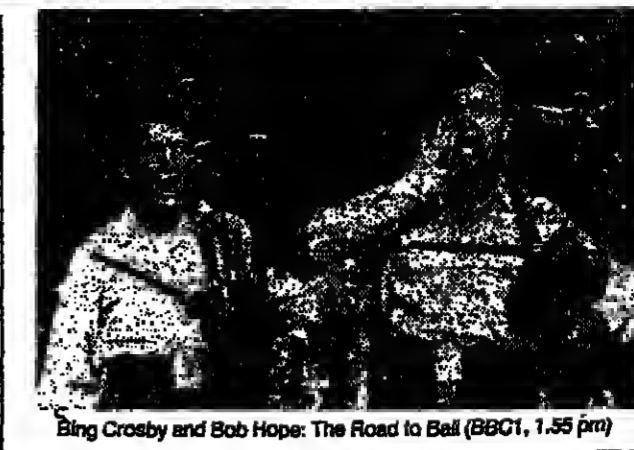
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Ring Crosby and Bob Hope: The Road to Bali (BBC1, 1.55 pm)

BBC 2
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1.55). Includes the Plough and
the Hoe (life of the rich and
poor in the Punjab) at 12.40.
1.55 Sunday Grandstand: We see
four sports - Snooker (the
Embassy Professional
Championship: the final) at
2.05; Motor Racing (the San
Marino Grand Prix, from Imola)
at 2.30; International Ice
Hockey (the world
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at 4.05; and International
Show Jumping (the Kerrycold
Championship) from
Hickstead, at 4.20. (These
times are for the first
transmission only: there will be
others during the afternoon).
1.00 University Challenge: Bamber
Gascoigne puts the questions
to two teams of
undergraduates; 1.30 Police 5:
with Shaw Taylor; 1.45 This
Sporting Season: The 1982
Tall Ships' Race to Lisbon. A
report by Fred Dring.
2.15 London news headlines. They
are followed by: - Film: Run a
Crooked Mile (1983). After a
car accident, a teacher loses
his memory and finds himself
being used by a strange group
of businessmen. With Louis
Jordan, Mary Tyler Moore,
Stanley Holloway.
4.00 The Fugitive: Why a girl is
forced to betray Kinble (David
Jensen) after he has saved her
life (r).
5.00 The Prince and Princess of
Wales in New Zealand: A
compilation of highlights by
the ITN team. 5.30 The Boy
Who Won the Pooler: Film
episode.
6.00 Credo: The CND involving Mgr
Bruce Kent and Cardinal
Hume is discussed.
6.30 News from ITN.
6.40 Sing to the Lord: Religious
music and thoughts from
South Wales. With Clifford
Evans.
7.15 Only When I Laugh: Hospital
ward comedy series with
James Bolam and Peter
Bowles (r).
7.45 Film: The Sins of Rachel Cade
(1951). Drama of an American
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11.50 The South Bank Show: Alan
Bentley interviews Hollywood
actor Gene Hackman (The
French Connection, Eureka,
etc.).
11.55 News from ITN.
12.00 Africa: New comedy show
with new faces (among them,
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Hunt on for new Roach venue

By Nicholas Timmins

The coroner for the inquest on Colin Roach, the black youth who died of shotgun wounds in the entrance to Stoke Newington police station in January, was yesterday looking for a new place to hold the inquest.

The search in which the Lord Chancellor's office has been contacted to see if other courts may be available, came after a High Court ruling that the Greater London Council had attempted to usurp the coroner's powers by determining that he should hold the inquest at Hackney Town Hall.

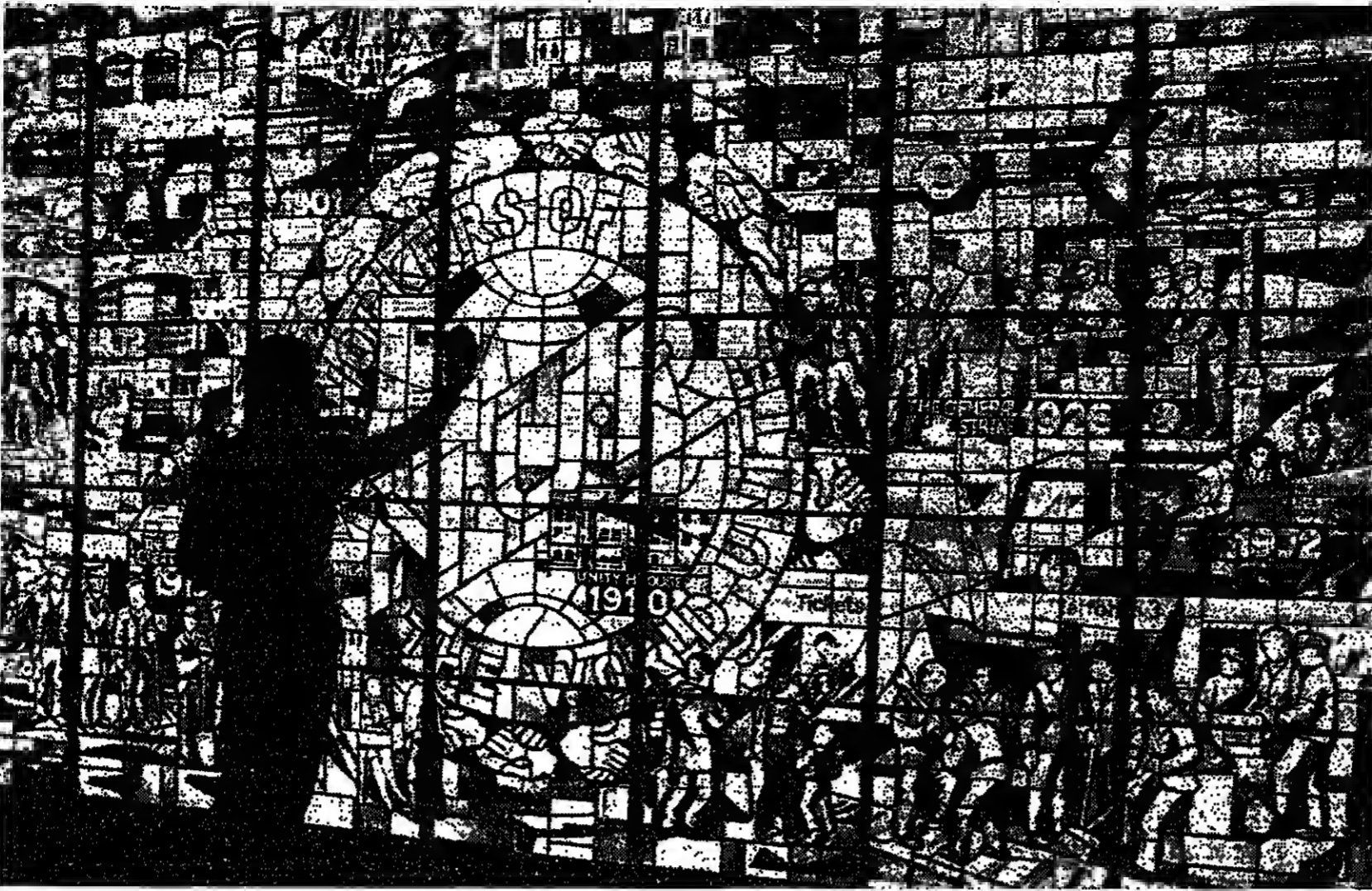
Mr Justice Woolf ruled that Dr Douglas Chambers, the coroner, was perfectly entitled to decide that the inquest should be held at St Pancras Coroner's Court, rather than the larger venue in Hackney.

But the judge said that he would be happier if the hearing could be held in a larger court, seating perhaps 100 people rather than the 50 or 60 possible at St Pancras.

Mr Raymond Kidwell, QC, for the coroner, said after the judgment that Dr Chambers had been considering finding a larger place for some time. He had, however, been given no choice by the GLC's attempt to determine that the inquest should be held at Hackney.

Mr Justice Woolf said that the inquest would be an inquest into the death only. It was right that the jury should not be subjected to undue pressure. The problems that could occur when a large number of people were present and feelings ran high had been seen recently at the Deptford fire inquest into the death of 13 young black people. "It is perfectly proper for the coroner not to want to run the risk of a repetition", he said.

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Transport of delight: A recently completed stained glass mural recording the history of the National Union of Railwaymen, being cleaned yesterday at Unity House, the union's new London headquarters, which will be opened on May 3 by Mr Michael Foot. Photograph: John Manning.

600 BL staff volunteer for Maestro overtime

By Clifford Webb

Six hundred track workers at BL's Cowley assembly plant have volunteered to work overtime on Saturday and Sunday to produce urgently needed Maestros. The company lost 19,000 cars, half of them the new Maestros, during the month-long "washing up" strike which ended on Tuesday. There was no shortage of volunteers when foremen called for men to work this weekend. Most of them lost £475 in wages because of the dispute. They will be paid time and a half on Saturday, and double time on Sunday, for two five-hour shifts - a total of £44.50 before deductions. Mr Harold Musgrove, chairman of Austin Rover, said: "There was a tremendous response and we were over-subscribed by a large margin. This is the first time we can recall asking people to work on the assembly track during a Bank holiday weekend."

Heath attacks Fleet Street 'disgrace'

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The statement continued: "In addition, the headlines in the Daily Express and other newspapers attribute to me statements which I have not made and would never consider making. "In fact, this issue is not an issue of the Queen Mother or any other member of the Royal Family. It is the responsibility of the police under the Sessional Order, passed by the House of Commons, to maintain access for members to the House." The Daily Express said last night: "We reject and resent any suggestion that the Daily Express or Mr John Warden behaved in any way improperly."

Churchill denies smear campaign on CND

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resigned from it when he heard allegations about the campaigning tactics of the Coalition for Peace through Security. It was alleged that the coalition followed Mr Kent on a tour of the United States, telling newspapers and radio stations that CND was a communist front. The coalition has produced parodies of CND literature and its members have flown aircraft over CND's demonstrations trailing slogans such as "CND - Kremlin April Fool!". The notepaper of Mr Churchill's committee at one time listed Lord Cameron, a former Chief of the Defence Staff, as a member, but he has denied any connection with it and said he did not give permission for his name to be used. Dr Julian Lewis, a member of the Coalition for Peace through Security, said: "We do not smear CND. We point out links between CND's leadership and the World Peace Council, which is a Soviet front organization."

Letter from Transvaal Fight for survival Afrikaner fashion

"I was speaking English just now because I understand we have the London press here", Mr Fanie Botha, the South African Minister of Manpower, said in Louis Trichardt the other night, apologizing for his temporary lapse from Afrikaans to the 400 or so National Party faithful gathered in local schoolhall. English is not a tongue much spoken in Louis Trichardt, a one-street town of some 7,000 Europeans, 90 per cent of them Afrikaners, which huddles in the bushveld of the northern Transvaal beneath the southern slopes of the green and rolling hills of the Soutpansberg.

The place is named after one of the most famous of the Voortrekkers who in the 1830s inspanned their ox-wagons and led thousands of their Boer people northward away from the Cape and British rule, in the remarkable up-country migration that has come to be known as the Great Trek. Louis Trichardt still has a frontier air, and its people a frontier mentality. It is a town where men are men and kaffirs are still kaffirs. Only 50 miles to the north lies the Limpopo river and what, to most Afrikaners, is the irredeemable outer darkness of black Africa.

In the bar at the Hotel Louis, where "Oom" Gideon Pretorius presided for more than 30 years, taking his sjambok on occasion to unruly customers, opinion runs strongly in favour of the ultra-right-wing Conservative Party of Dr Andries Treurnicht. The Conservatives broke away from the National Party in March of last year and now have 18 seats in Parliament. "Look, man", says a dark-bearded farmer in shorts and knee-high socks whose property abuts the frontier with Zimbabwe, "What would you do if you had a wife and children to protect and the con boys were just across the river? I'm not interested in politics, I'm interested in survival." At the Conservative Party office further down the street, where stacks of posters proclaiming "Never surrender. Vote Langley." are awaiting

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